

**RULES
OF THE
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CHAPTER 0520-02-03
EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

0520-02-03-.15 REQUIREMENTS AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

- (1) The validity period of a current, valid practitioner license that is set to expire in August 2020 shall be extended to August 31, 2021. Educators may use the additional validity period to complete any required licensure assessments, professional development points, or other requirements that were interrupted due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- (2) Prospective educators who complete a State Board approved educator preparation program in the spring of 2020 and who meet all other requirements for the license type for which they are applying but are unable to submit qualifying scores on the required assessments as defined in the Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators Policy shall be eligible for a provisional practitioner license that will be valid from the date of issuance until August 31, 2021.
 - (a) The provisional practitioner license shall be converted to a full practitioner license upon submission of qualifying scores on all required assessments as defined in the Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators Policy prior to the end of the validity period.
 - (b) If qualifying scores on all required assessments are not submitted prior to the end of the validity period of the provisional practitioner license, the license shall become inactive.
 - (c) The provisional practitioner license shall not be renewed or reactivated.
 - (d) The provisional practitioner license shall not be issued if the application was received by the Department after December 31, 2020.
- (3) Educators who complete a State Board approved instructional leader program in the spring of 2020 and who meet all other requirements for the Instructional Leader License (ILL) but are unable to submit qualifying scores on the required assessments as defined in the Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators Policy shall be eligible for a provisional ILL that will be valid from the date of issuance until August 31, 2021.
 - (a) The provisional ILL shall be converted to a full ILL upon submission of qualifying scores on all required assessments as defined in the Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators Policy prior to the end of the validity period.
 - (b) If qualifying scores on all required assessments are not submitted prior to the end of the validity period of the provisional ILL, the license shall become inactive.
 - (c) The provisional ILL shall not be renewed or reactivated.
 - (d) The provisional ILL shall not be issued if the application was received by the Department after December 31, 2020.
- (4) Notwithstanding rule 0520-02-03-.11, paragraphs (5), (6), and (7)(b), an educator who holds a valid and active license may be granted an endorsement exemption to teach a course in which a state-level end of course examination is required, or any other course, if specifically authorized by law. An endorsement exemption issued pursuant to this paragraph and rule 0520-02-03-.11 shall be valid for the period of time specified in the authorizing legislation.

(Rule 0520-02-03-.15, continued)

- (5) Notwithstanding rule 0520-02-03-.12, paragraphs (9) and (10), an individual may be issued a temporary permit to teach a course in which a state-level end of course examination is required, or any other course, if specifically authorized by law. A temporary permit issued pursuant to this paragraph and rule 0520-02-03-.12 shall be valid for the period of time specified in the authorizing legislation.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 49-1-302, 49-5-106, 49-6-1511, Executive Order No. 14 of 2020 (and applicable, subsequent Executive Orders addressing COVID-19 relief), and Public Chapter 652 of 2020. **Administrative History:** Repeal and new rules filed December 18, 2014; effective March 18, 2015. A stay of the rules was filed January 28, 2015; new effective date June 1, 2015. Emergency rules filed August 27, 2015; effective through February 23, 2016. Repeal and new rules filed October 27, 2015; effective January 25, 2016. Emergency rules filed April 16, 2020; effective through October 13, 2020. New rule filed April 16, 2020; effective July 15, 2020.