

# CERTIFICATION ALERT

Connecticut Educator Certification News from  
The Connecticut State Department of Education



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## OUT-OF-STATE EDUCATOR APPLICANTS: 2018 LEGISLATION AFFECTING EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION

### *Public Act 18-34: An Act Concerning Minority Teacher Recruitment and Retention*

- **Accepting Educator Certification Assessments from Other States (Section 8f):**  
Educators will no longer be required to take the CT assessment if they have passed an out-of-state educator certification test that is determined to be “equivalent” to the corresponding Connecticut assessment.

NOTE: Out-of-state educators who taught successfully for at least three of the past ten years under an appropriate certificate in another state may be exempt from Connecticut licensure assessments.

- **Retaking subject area certification assessments (Section 9):**  
See [in-state alert](#)
- **Cross endorsement in a secondary academic shortage area (Section 8b):**  
See [in-state alert](#)

### *Public Act 18-51: An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Department of Education*

- **Interim Educator Certificate with Three-Year Testing Deferral (Section 7):**  
A new three-year, nonrenewable interim certificate replaces the one-year nonrenewable interim certificate for educators who have completed an out-of-state teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited institution, an alternate route to certification program approved by the State Board of Education or who have taught successfully for at least two years in the last ten years under an appropriate certificate. This change allows additional time to pass required educator certification assessments in Connecticut, if applicable. Educators who were issued a one-year nonrenewable interim certificate prior to July 1, 2018, are not eligible for this certificate.

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***Public Act 18-144: An Act Concerning Teacher Permits for Spouses of Transferred Members of the Armed Forces***

- The Connecticut State Board of Education will issue a three-year “military spouse teacher permit” to any individual who is the spouse of a member of the armed forces; has two or more years of teaching experience under an appropriate certificate in another state(s), territory or possession of the US or the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and whose spouse has received military orders directing them to Connecticut. Such an educator will be exempt from TEAM; however, the educator must complete a course of study in special education that meets state requirements.

