

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD**

Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Sections 1203 and 1205(b) (14 **Del.C.** §§1203 & 1205(b))
14 **DE Admin. Code** 1553

PROPOSED

PUBLIC NOTICE

Educational Impact Analysis Pursuant to 14 Del.C. Section 122(d)

1553 Driver Education and Traffic Safety Education Teacher

A. TYPE OF REGULATORY ACTION REQUESTED

Amendment to Existing Regulation

B. SYNOPSIS OF SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION

The Professional Standards Board ("Board"), acting in consultation and cooperation with the Department of Education ("Department"), seeks the approval of the State Board of Education to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1553 Driver Education and Traffic Safety Education Teacher. The regulation concerns the requirements for a Standard Certificate for Driver Education and Traffic Safety Education Teacher. The proposed changes include adding a Standard Certificate issued prior to August 31, 2003 to satisfy the requirement under subsection 3.1.1 to be consistent with 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1505 Standard Certificate; adding "Technology and Teaching Driver's Education" under subsection 4.1.1.7 to allow educators an additional, optional area of professional development; and adding subsection 4.4 to specify that educators are not required to take an examination of content knowledge for this Standard Certificate.

Persons wishing to present their views regarding this matter may do so in writing by the close of business on or before August 31, 2017 to Mr. Chris Kenton, Executive Director, Delaware Professional Standards Board, The Townsend Building, 401 Federal Street, Dover, Delaware 19901. A copy of this regulation may be viewed online at the Registrar of Regulation's website, http://regulations.delaware.gov/services/current_issue.shtml or obtained at the Professional Standards Board's Office, located at the address above.

C. IMPACT CRITERIA

1. Will the amended regulation help improve student achievement as measured against state achievement standards? The amended regulation will help to improve the quality of the Delaware educator workforce and to improve student performance.
2. Will the amended regulation help ensure that all students receive an equitable education? The amended regulation will help to improve the quality of the Delaware educator workforce and to improve student performance.
3. Will the amended regulation help to ensure all student's health and safety are adequately protected? The amended regulation addresses educator certification, not students' health and safety.
4. Will the amended regulation help to ensure that all students' legal rights are respected? The amended regulation addresses educator certification, not students' legal rights.
5. Will the amended regulation preserve the necessary authority and flexibility of decision-makers at the local board and school level? The amended regulation does not change authority and flexibility of decision makers at the local board and school level.
6. Will the amended regulation place unnecessary reporting or administrative requirements or mandates upon decision makers at the local board and school levels? The amended regulation does not place unnecessary reporting or administrative requirements or mandates upon decision makers at the local board and school levels.
7. Will decision making authority and accountability for addressing the subject to be regulated be placed in the same entity? The Department implements the rules and regulations promulgated and adopted pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** Ch. 12 relating to certification of educators.
8. Will the amended regulation be consistent with and not an impediment to the implementation of other state educational policies, in particular to state educational policies addressing achievement in the core academic subjects of mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies? The amended regulation is consistent with, and not an impediment to, the implementation of other state educational policies, and in particular to state educational policies addressing achievement in the core academic subjects of mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies.

9. Is there a less burdensome method for addressing the purpose of the amended regulation? There is not a less burdensome method for addressing the purpose of this amended regulation.

10. What is the cost to the state and to the local school boards of compliance with the adopted regulation? There is no expected cost to the state and to the local school boards of complying with this amended regulation.

1553 Driver Education and Traffic Safety Education Teacher

1.0 Content

- 1.1 This regulation shall apply to the requirements for a Standard Certificate, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a), for Driver Education and Traffic Safety Education Teacher.
- 1.2 Except as otherwise provided, the requirements set forth in 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto, are incorporated herein by reference.

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2.0 Definitions

The definitions set forth in 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto, are incorporated herein by reference.

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3.0 Standard Certificate

- 3.1 In accordance with 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a), the Department shall issue a Standard Certificate as a Driver Education and Traffic Safety Education Teacher to an educator who has met the following:
 - 3.1.1 Holds a valid Delaware Initial, Continuing, or Advanced License; or a Standard or Professional Status Certificate issued by the Department prior to August 31, 2003; and,
 - 3.1.2 Has met the requirements as set forth in 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto; and,
 - 3.1.3 Has satisfied the additional requirements in this regulation.

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4.0 Additional Requirements

4.1 An educator shall also have met the following:

4.1.1 Education requirements:

4.1.1.1 A minimum of twenty-one (21) credits, taken either as part of a degree program or in addition to it from a regionally accredited college or university, or their equivalent in professional development approved by the Department in the following areas:

- 4.1.1.1.1 Human Development (3 credits);
- 4.1.1.1.2 Identifying and Treating Exceptionalities (3 credits);
- 4.1.1.1.3 Effective Teaching Strategies (3 credits);
- 4.1.1.1.4 Cultural Diversity (3 credits);
- 4.1.1.1.5 Driver Education, Methods and Materials (3 credits);
- 4.1.1.1.6 Driver Education, In Car Training (3 credits); and
- 4.1.1.1.7 Three (3) credits selected from one (1) of the following areas:
 - 4.1.1.1.7.1 Alcohol and Drug Education (3 credits);
 - 4.1.1.1.7.2 Current Issues in Driver Education (3 credits);
 - 4.1.1.1.7.3 Problems in Driver and Safety Education (3 credits);
 - 4.1.1.1.7.4 First Aid (3 credits);
 - 4.1.1.1.7.5 Teaching Students with Disabilities (3 credits); ~~or~~
 - 4.1.1.1.7.6 Education for Safe Living (3 credits); ~~or~~
 - 4.1.1.1.7.7 Technology and Teaching Driver's Education.

4.1.2 Driver's License Requirements.

- 4.1.2.1 The applicant shall hold a valid driver's license.
- 4.1.2.2 The applicant's driving record shall have no more than five (5) points total from Delaware or any other jurisdiction at the time of application.

4.1.2.3 The applicant's driver's license shall not have been suspended, revoked, or disqualified in Delaware or any other jurisdiction in the last five (5) years and the applicant's driver's license shall remain valid for the duration of the applicant's employment under this Standard Certificate.

4.1.3 The educator shall notify the Department immediately if they fail to meet the Driver's License Requirements.

4.1.4 Testing Requirement:

4.1.4.1 The applicant is not required to take and achieve a passing score on an examination of content knowledge.

9 DE Reg. 545 (10/01/05)

Renumbered effective 06/01/07 - see Conversion Table

16 DE Reg. 628 (12/01/02)

21 DE Reg. 113 (08/01/17) (Prop.)