

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
AMENDED PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Title of Rule: Regulations Governing the Certification of Educators in Rhode Island

Rule Identifier: 200-RICR-20-20-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 09/07/2018

Hearing Date: 09/27/2018

End of Public Comment: 10/16/2018

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I.G.L. 16-11-1 and 16-60-4

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of these regulations is to update the requirements and procedures that govern educator certification in Rhode Island.

Technical changes throughout to update citations, remove nonregulatory footnotes, and incorporate examples as per the new RICR format.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until October 16, 2018 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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255 Westminster Street
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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on September 27, 2018 at 5:00 pm at Davies Career and Technical High School, 50 Jenckes Hill Road, Lincoln, RI 02865 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons

participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-222-8435 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on October 1, 2018 at 5:00 pm at Portsmouth Middle School, 125 Jepson Lane, Portsmouth, RI 02871 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) has undertaken an update of its teacher certification regulations. These regulations impact the almost 16,000 educators who are certified to work in Rhode Island. RIDE has attempted to both update the regulation using education policy best practices, and to respond to the feedback from the many stakeholders in public education.

RIDE did a 20-year benefit-cost analysis (see attached) from 2018 through 2038, and this 20-year horizon is justified by fact that the benefits are seen over the entire lifetime of the students being educated. The costs are subtracted from the benefits to calculate a net benefit. To analyze benefits and costs that occur at different times, this analysis uses discount rates to calculate a present value for all future costs and benefits. Discount rates of three percent and seven percent are used as a sensitivity analysis.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.