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Bill No. 421-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER
8, TITLE 5A, GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND
REGULATIONS.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Approval of Rules and Regulations as Amended.** The Rules
3 and Regulations Governing the Guam Commission for Educator Certification as
4 contained in Exhibit A and attached here are hereby approved.

Amendments to Existing Rules and Regulations

5A GAR Education Chapter 8 Guam Commission For Educator Certification

1. § 8102. Definitions.

(o) *Evaluation* indicates the most recent professional evaluation supplied by a supervisor. **A satisfactory evaluation will be indicated by the evaluating entity. As of 2014, Guam Department of Education indicates “Satisfactory” with the ratings “Emerging”, “Effective” or “Highly Effective” and “Unsatisfactory” with the rating “Ineffective”.**

(t) *NCATE* is the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. It is one of the U. S. accrediting bodies for teacher education colleges and institutions. **NCATE merged with TEAC (Teacher Education Accreditation Council) to form CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation) on July 1, 2013 and NCATE will cease to exist by 2020.**

(ab) **Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) means the series of tests for reading, writing and, mathematics that uses technology to more accurately measure the abilities, content knowledge and critical thinking skills of the teacher candidates from the Educational Testing Service (ETS). This definition will be used in all areas throughout the Rules and Regulations that make reference to Praxis I.**

(ac) **Applicants who have successfully passed portions of Praxis-I and the required portions of Praxis Core to complete the series of tests may be eligible for certification.**

(ad) **CAEP is the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. It is the new single accrediting body for educator preparation that evolved with the consolidation of NCAE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) and TEAC (Teacher Education Accreditation Council) on July 1, 2013. This definition will be used in all areas throughout the Rules and Regulations which make reference to NCATE.**

2. § 8104. Issuance of Certificates, General.

(l) Holders of Degrees from NCATE-Accredited Institutions. Holders of degrees in teacher preparation awarded by an institution accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) shall be eligible for an Initial Educator Certificate **with the addition of the requirements that are stated in §8105 (b). (1) (A), (B), (C) and (D).**

3. § 8105. **Certificates for Teachers, General.**

(a) Temporary Teaching Certificate.

Minimum Qualifications. A Temporary Teaching Certificate may be issued to an applicant who presents evidence that he or she has completed a Bachelor's degree and a passing score on Praxis-I **and / or Praxis CORE.**

(b) Initial Educator Certificate

(1) Minimum Qualifications.

(D) successfully passes Praxis I, ~~and~~ Praxis II Principles of Learning (PLT) **and Praxis II content tests.**

4. (c) Professional Educator Certificate.

(1) Minimum Qualifications. A Professional Educator Certificate may be issued to an applicant who presents the following evidence:

(A) fulfillment of all educational requirements for the Initial Educator Certificate or the Initial Educator Chamorro Language and Culture Teaching Certificate and provides evidence of the following:

(B) completion of requirements related to Guam History or Guam Culture; **and**

(C) completion of sixty (60) clock hours of professional activities, **to include semester hours, Continuing Education Units, or Professional Growth Plan requirements as acknowledged by administrator on-site; and**

(D) satisfactory performance evaluation ~~and/or completion of Professional Growth Plan as approved by on-site administrator;~~ **and**

(E) completion of a one (1) year mentorship in a Guam school; and

(F) completion of two (2) years as an Initial **Educator** Certificate Holder.

(2) Length of Certification. The length of certification for a Professional Educator Certificate *shall* be five (5) years.

(3) Renewability. A Professional Educator Certificate *shall* be renewable for any number of years. Within the length of certification provided herein, a person issued a Professional Educator Certificate *shall* be considered in good standing to retain such certificate by presenting evidence of the following:

(A) completion of ninety (90) clock hours of professional activities, **to include semester hours, Continuing Education Units, or Professional Growth Plan requirements as acknowledged by administrator on-site; and**

(B) satisfactory performance evaluation.

5. (d) Master Educator Certificate

(1) Minimum Qualifications. A Master Educator Certificate may be issued to an applicant who presents evidence of the following:

(A) he or she meets all educational requirements for the Initial Educator Certificate and the Professional Educator Certificate;

(B) has a minimum of at least five (5) years of satisfactory teaching experience; ~~and~~

(C) has earned a Master's Degree and/or is a National Board Certified Teacher; ~~and~~

(D) satisfactory performance evaluation.

6. (4) Holders of Professional II Certificates Issued by the Department of Education. No Master Educator Certificate issued under this rule shall be renewed for an applicant who *does not* provide evidence of having completed a Master's degree **or National Board Certified Teacher.**

7. (e) Professional Endorsement for Specialty Areas. Educators wishing to certify in multiple content areas, or to add an additional area, are able to apply for an endorsement on their existing **valid educator** certificate. To qualify for an endorsement, the applicant must provide evidence of the successful completion of fifteen (15) credit hours in the field **or a passing score on the Praxis II in the designated content area.** There will be an additional charge for the endorsement which will last the term of the existing certificate. Specialty areas for consideration are ~~library science,~~ instructional technology, visually impaired, orientation and mobility, deaf and hearing impaired, ~~speech,~~ media specialist, **autism spectrum disorders, emotional and behavioral disorders** or other specialty **teaching** areas as approved by GCEC.

8. § 8111. Endorsements for School Librarians.

(4) Renewability. A Professional School Librarian Endorsement may be renewed any number of times, provided that he or she presents evidence of satisfactory service as a school librarian; completion of ninety (90) hours of professional activities, to include semester hours in courses that will enhance the school librarian's work (such as courses in specific content areas, education courses, and library science courses); ~~and~~ Continuing Education Units, or Professional Growth Plan requirements, as approved by the administrator that have been acquired within the preceding five (5) years.

9. § 8112. Certificates for School Counselors.

(a) Temporary School Counselor Certificate.

(4) Holders Issued Certificates Known as "Emergency" by the Department of Education. A holder of a certificate known as an "Emergency" Guidance and Counseling certificate issued under Guam Education Policy Board Policy 1000.33 may be issued a Temporary School Counselor Certificate under §8112 (a)

of this Chapter provided they meet the minimal qualifications of the Temporary School Counselor Certificate.

(c) Professional School Counselor Certificate.

(4) Holders of Professional I Guidance and Counseling Certificates Issued by the Department of Education. Notwithstanding Subsection (c) of this Section, a Professional School Counselor Certificate maybe issued to a holder of a valid or recently expired "Professional I" Guidance and Counseling Certificate issued under Guam Education Policy Board Policy 1000.33 who provides evidence of satisfactory teaching and ninety (90) clock hours of professional activities within the Professional I certification period.

(d) Master School Counselor Certificate.

(4) Holders of Professional II Guidance and Counseling Certificates Issued by the Department of Education. A Master School Counselor Certificate may be issued to a holder of a " Professional II " Guidance and Counseling Certificate issued under Guam Education Policy Board Policy 1000.33 who provides evidence of satisfactory teaching and ninety (90) clock hours of professional activities within the Professional II certification period. No Master School Counselor Certificate issued under this rule shall be renewed for an applicant who does not provide evidence of having completed a Master's degree.



**KUMISION SETTEFIKASION PARA I MANMANIDUKA
GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION**



Resolution No. 2014-01

RELATIVE TO APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR GUAM EDUCATORS AND APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 8, TITLE 5A, GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GCEC COMMISSION MEMBERS:

WHEREAS, Subsection (f) of Section 27008 of Division 3, Chapter 27 of 17 Guam Code Annotated mandated: (f) *develop and implement policies that clearly define the respective responsibilities of the Commission and the Commission's staff,* and

WHEREAS, Public Law 31-50 approved the Administrative Rules and Regulations Relative to the Guam Commission For Educator Certification on May 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2014, the Guam Commission For Educator Certification conducted a public hearing pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Act to add the Proposed Rules and Regulations Governing the Standards of Professional Conduct for Guam Educators, and, Proposed Amendments to Existing Rules and Regulations, 5A GAR Education, Chap. 8 Guam Commission For Educator Certification (PL 31-50); and

WHEREAS, the new Rules and Regulations and Proposed Amendments to the Existing Rules and Regulations were promulgated as a result of the public hearing; and

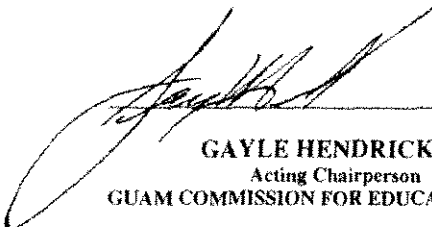
WHEREAS, the new Rules and Regulations and the Proposed Amendments to the Existing Rules and Regulations were transmitted to the Attorney General's Office, to the Department of Administration and the Guam Compiler of Law for their comments;

WHEREAS, favorable responses on the new Rules and Regulations and the Proposed Amendments to the Existing Rules and Regulations were received from the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Administration and the Guam Compiler of Law; now, therefore, be it


RESOLVED, the Guam Commission For Educator Certification approves and adopts the new Rules and Regulations Governing the Standards of Professional Conduct for Guam Educators and the Proposed Amendments to the Existing Rules and Regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Chairperson certify to and the Secretary attest the adoption hereof and that a copy of this resolution is transmitted to the Legislative Secretary of the 32nd Guam Legislature.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE GUAM
COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION
THIS 14th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.**



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GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION



LEA SANTOS
Secretary
GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION