

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel—Teaching Authorizations (LAC 28:CXXXI.311, 504, 903, 905, 906, and 911)

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 17:6(A)(10) and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has amended LAC 28:CXXXI, *Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*. These emergency revisions align current state policy with recently-enacted legislation from the 2018 Louisiana Legislature related to teaching authorizations of school personnel. This emergency action is necessary in order to provide for the implementation of newly-enacted legislation contained in R.S. 17:7(6) and 17:15, from the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature. If this action is not taken, then the provisions contained in this legislation, which pertain to criminal background checks of teachers and the issuance of Louisiana teaching authorizations, will not be in effect in a timely manner for the 2018-2019 school year, putting the wellbeing of all students in the state of Louisiana in possible jeopardy. By taking emergency action, this will help to ensure a safe environment for all children attending school in Louisiana. This Declaration of Emergency, adopted on December 12, 2018, is in effect for a period of 120 days from adoption, or until adopted as a final Rule.

Title 28

EDUCATION

Part CXXXI. Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel

Chapter 3. Teaching Authorizations and Certifications

Subchapter A. Standard Teaching Authorizations

Editor's Note: The name of the Division of Student Standards and Assessments has been changed to The Division of Student Standards, Assessments, and Accountability.

§311. World Language Certificate (WLC) PK-12

A. - E. ...

F. A foreign language teacher in a certified foreign language immersion program who cannot be certified or issued an authorization to teach through the board's Foreign Associate Teacher Program may be allowed to teach without passing the required examination, provided the teacher has at least a baccalaureate degree and complies with state laws relative to background checks and review of criminal history.

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Chapter 9. Actions Related to the Suspension/Denial and Revocation of Louisiana Certificates

§903. Definitions

A. - B.1. ...

2. those of a jurisdiction other than Louisiana which, in the judgment of the bureau employee charged with responsibility for responding to the request, would constitute

a crime under the provisions cited in this Subsection, and those under the federal criminal code having analogous elements of criminal and moral turpitude. (Federal criminal code provisions are in title 18 of U.S.C.A.) Specifically:

Crimes Reported under R.S. 15:587.1	

*R.S. 14:81.4	Prohibited sexual conduct between educator and student
*R.S. 14:82	Prostitution
*R.S. 14:82.1	Prostitution; Persons under seventeen; Additional offenses

R.S. 14:89.2	Crime against nature by solicitation
*R.S. 14:92	Contributing to the delinquency of juveniles
*R.S. 14:93	Cruelty to juveniles

*Certificate issuance/reinstatement will never be considered for crimes marked with an asterisk.	

C. ...

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§905. Denial of Initial or Renewal Certificates

A. An application for a Louisiana teaching certificate or an application for the renewal of an expired Louisiana teaching certificate shall be denied if the department determines that the individual applying for the certificate has been convicted of any offense listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C) or any felony offense whatsoever or has submitted fraudulent documentation, or has participated in cheating. A person convicted of an offense as defined herein or has submitted fraudulent documentation, or has participated in cheating may apply for a certificate if the following conditions apply:

1. five years have elapsed from date of entry of final conviction, the date of entry of his plea of nolo contendere, or from the date of receipt of notification from the board of its determination that the person submitted fraudulent documentation or facilitated cheating on a state assessment;

2. the board has received a request from the person for a formal appeal and has conducted a review of the person's background and the person has provided letters of recommendation to the board.

B. - D. ...

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§906. Issuance of a Denied Certificate

A. Issuance will never be considered for teachers who have been convicted of a felony for the following crimes:

1. R.S. 14:283, 14:30, 14:30.1, 14:31, 14:32.6, 14:32.7, 14:32.8, 14:41, 14:42, 14:42.1, 14:43, 14:43.1, 14:43.1.1, 14:43.2, 14:43.3, 14:43.4, 14:43.5, 14:44, 14:44.1, 14:45, 14:46.2, 14:46.3, 14:46.4, 14:78, 14:78.1, 14:80, 14:80.1, 14:81, 14:81.1, 14:81.2, 14:81.3, 14:81.4, 14:82, 14:82.1, 14:84, 14:86, 14:89, 14:89.1, 14:92, 14:93, 14:93.3, 14:93.5, 14:106, 14:283, and 14:286.

B. - E.7. ...

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§911. Reinstatement of Suspended or Revoked Certificates

A. Reinstatement will never be considered for teachers who have been convicted of a felony for the following crimes:

1. R.S. 14.283, 14:30, 14:30.1, 14:31, 14:32.6, 14:32.7, 14:32.8, 14:41, 14:42, 14:42.1, 14:43, 14:43.1, 14:43.1.1, 14:43.2, 14:43.3, 14:43.4 14:43.5, 14:44, 14:44.1, 14:45, 14:46.2, 14:46.3, 14:46.4, 14:78, 14:78.1, 14:80, 14:80.1, 14:81, 14:81.1, 14:81.2, 14:81.3, 14:81.4, 14:82, 14:82.1, 14:84, 14:86, 14:89, 14:89.1, 14:92, 14:93, 14:93.3, 14:93.5, 14:106, 14:283, and 14:286.

B. Reinstatements of certificates shall not be considered until at least five years have elapsed from the date of entry of final conviction, submission of fraudulent documentation, the date of investigation results regarding the participation in cheating, or professional license/certificate censure as noted in §905.B of this Part which resulted in certification suspension and/or revocation.

C. - E.7. ...

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