# **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD** 

14 **DE Admin. Code** 1533

Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(d) (14 **Del.C.** §122(d))

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### **REPEAL OF REGULATION**

### 1533 Standard Certificate Foreign Language Teacher Elementary

## A. Type Of Regulatory Action Requested Repeal

# B. Synopsis Of Subject Matter Of Regulation

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the approval of the State Board of Education to repeal 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1533 Standard Certificate Foreign Language Teacher Elementary. It is necessary to repeal this regulation as its content has been incorporated into a comprehensive standard certificate which is valid for grades kindergarten through 12.

### 1533 Standard Certificate Foreign Language Teacher Elementary

#### 1.0 Content

This regulation shall apply to the requirements for a Standard Certificate, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a), for Foreign Language Teacher Elementary (required in grades K-6, and valid in grades 7-8 in a middle level school). 7 DE Reg. 775 (12/1/03)

#### 2.0 Definitions

2.1 The following words and terms, when used in this regulation, shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Department" means the Delaware Department of Education.

"License" means a credential which authorizes the holder to engage in the practice for which the license is issued.

"Standard Certificate" means a credential issued to certify that an educator has the prescribed knowledge, skill, and/or education to practice in a particular area, teach a particular subject, or teach a category of students. 7 DE Reg. 775 (12/1/03)

**3.0** In accordance with-14 **Del.C.** §1220(a), the Department shall issue a Standard Certificate as a Foreign Language Teacher Elementary to an applicant who holds a valid Delaware Initial, Continuing, or Advanced License; or Standard or Professional Status certificate issued by the Department prior to August 31, 2003, and who meets the following requirements:

3.1 Bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited college or university and,

3.2 Professional Education

3.2.1Completion of an approved teacher education program in Elementary Education/Foreign Language in the language to be taught or,

3.2.2Completion of an approved teacher education program in elementary education and,

3.2.2.1 A minimum of 6 semester hours in foreign language education to include Methods of Teaching Foreign Language at the Elementary School Level and Second Language Acquisition and,

3.2.2.2 Demonstrated knowledge of the culture in which the language is spoken natively including significant personal connection with that culture through life or work experience or appropriate course work in the culture; or,

3.2.3Completion of an approved secondary teacher education program in the language to be taught and,

3.2.3.1 A minimum of 6 semester hours in foreign language education to include Methods of Teaching Foreign Language at the Elementary School Level and Second Language acquisition and,

3.2.3.2 A minimum of 24 semester hours to include Child/Human Development, Methods of Teaching Foreign Language at the Elementary School Level including Second Language Acquisition, Identifying/Treating Exceptionalities, Effective Teaching Strategies, Multicultural Education, and,

3.3 Specific Teaching Field

3.3.1Major in the language to be taught, including at least one semester, one winter session, or one summer session of study in a country in which the foreign language is spoken natively\* or,

3.3.2Completion of an approved teacher education program in the language to be taught, including at least one semester, one winter session, or one summer session of study in a country in which the foreign language is spoken natively\* or,

3.3.3A minimum of 30 semester hours above the intermediate level in the language to be taught, or 24 semester hours above the intermediate level in the language to be taught if the teacher has earned 30 semester hours in another language, including at least one semester, one winter session, or one summer session of study in a country in which the foreign language is spoken natively\* or,

3.3.4 Demonstrated fluency in the language to be taught as determined by passing scores on the PRAXIS II tests in that language, as adopted by the Standards Board and the State Board, and an Advanced Low Level on the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and verification of study (at least as extensive as that noted above) in a country or community in which the foreign language is spoken natively<sup>\*</sup>.

\*Persons not meeting the requirement for study abroad upon employment shall fulfill the requirement within three years. Through 3.3.4, an individual can meet the requirement for study abroad by demonstrating that he/she grew up and was educated in a community (such as a China Town or Spanish Harlem) where the target language is the dominant language.

## 7 DE Reg. 775 (12/1/03) 8 DE Reg. 80 (7/1/04)

**4.0** This regulation shall be effective through June 30, 2006 only. Applicants who apply for a Standard Certificate as a Foreign Language Teacher - Elementary after that date must comply with the requirements set forth in 14 **Del.C.** §1516.

7 DE Reg. 775 (12/1/03) 9 DE Reg. 58 (7/1/05) (Prop.)