

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(b)(18) (14 **Del.C.** §122(b)(18))
14 **DE Admin. Code** 910

PROPOSED

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

910 Delaware Requirements for Issuance of the Secondary Credential

A. Type of Regulatory Action Required

Amendment to Existing Regulation

B. Synopsis of Subject Matter of the Regulation

Pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §122(b)(18), the Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 910 Delaware Requirements for Issuance of the Secondary Credential. This regulation is being amended to add definitions for clarification purposes and to comply with the Delaware Administrative Code Style Manual.

Persons wishing to present their views regarding this matter may do so in writing by the close of business on or before April 5, 2019 to the Department of Education, Office of the Secretary, Attn: Regulation Review, 401 Federal Street, Suite 2, Dover, Delaware 19901 or email to DOERegulations.comment@doe.k12.de.us. 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 Department of Education's Office of the Secretary, 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 is intended to help improve student achievement as measured against state achievement standards by providing the requirements for the issuance of a secondary credential.

2. Will the amended regulation help ensure that all students receive an equitable education? The amended regulation is intended to continue to help ensure all students receive an equitable education.

3. Will the amended regulation help to ensure that all students' health and safety are adequately protected? The amended regulation does not address students' health and safety.

4. Will the amended regulation help to ensure that all students' legal rights are respected? The amended regulation continues to help ensure that all student's legal rights are respected.

5. Will the amended regulation preserve the necessary authority and flexibility of decision making at the local board and school level? The amended regulation does not change the decision making 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 any unnecessary reporting or administrative requirements on decision makers.

7. Will the decision making authority and accountability for addressing the subject to be regulated be placed in the same entity? The decision making authority and accountability for addressing the subject to be regulated does not change because of the amended regulation.

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.

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

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

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1.0 Purpose

A Pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §122(b)(18), a Delaware secondary credential is given to persons who satisfactorily pass a

~~recognized~~ secondary credential assessment approved and recognized by the Delaware Department of Education.
17 DE Reg. 724 (01/01/14)

2.0 Definitions

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

“Assessment” means a set of tests that evaluates high school skill levels in the content areas of English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.

“Department” means the Delaware Department of Education

“Secondary Credential” means a document that verifies the successful completion of the assessment that evaluates high school level skills in the areas of English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.

4.03.0 Eligibility to take a ~~secondary credential assessment~~ for a Secondary Credential Assessment

4.13.1 For persons 18 years of age or older, an applicant shall:

4.1.23.1.1 Be a resident of Delaware or, if a resident of another state, be currently employed in Delaware and have been so employed for a minimum of six months prior to taking the test; and

4.1.23.1.2 ~~Certify under his or her~~ by signature on the secondary credential assessment application form that ~~he or she is~~ they are not enrolled in a public or non public school program.

4.23.2 For a person 16 or 17 years of age an applicant shall:

4.2.43.2.1 Seek a waiver of the 18 years of age requirement by completing a written application to the Delaware Department of Education that includes showing good cause for taking the test early and designating where the test will be taken; and

4.2.23.2.2 Be a resident of the State of Delaware; and

4.2.33.2.3 Verify that they are at least 16 years of age at the time of the application for the waiver of the age requirement using a birth certificate, driver's license, a State of Delaware Identification Card or other comparable and reliable documentation of age; and

4.2.43.2.4 Provide verification of withdrawal from the applicant's public or non public school program; and

4.2.53.2.5 Provide a transcript from the applicant's public or non public school program.

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2.04.0 Scores Required for a Delaware ~~secondary~~ Secondary Credential

An individual shall attain the minimum passing standard as approved by the ~~Delaware~~ Department of Education.

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3.05.0 Assessment Approval Process

3.15.1 The assessment provider must complete a ~~DOE~~ Department-approved application. The application must ~~include~~ include, at minimum ~~a minimum~~, the following:

3.1.15.1.1 ~~provider's~~ Provider's qualification and experience;

3.1.25.1.2 ~~assessment~~ Assessment content and form;

3.1.35.1.3 ~~validation~~ Validation and norming processes;

3.1.45.1.4 ~~assessment~~ Assessment delivery;

3.1.55.1.5 ~~technology~~ Technology processes;

3.1.65.1.6 ~~security~~ Security provisions;

3.1.75.1.7 ~~accommodations~~ Accommodations processes;

3.1.85.1.8 ~~assessment~~ Assessment scoring and reporting processes;

3.1.95.1.9 ~~assessment~~ Assessment data access requirements;

3.1.105.1.10 ~~practice~~ Practice test and supplementary instructional materials;

3.1.115.1.11 ~~staff~~ Staff training;

3.1.125.1.12 ~~alignment~~ Alignment with college and career readiness standards and Delaware accountability system; and

3.1.135.1.13 ~~cost~~ Cost and timeframe for implementation.

17 DE Reg. 724 (01/01/14)

4.06.0 Currently Recognized Assessments and Publication

4.16.1 The GED® Test has been previously approved and is a ~~Department of Education~~ Department-recognized secondary credential assessment.

4.26.2 ~~DOE~~ The Department will publish annually a list of approved assessments.

2 DE Reg. 375 (09/01/98)

5 DE Reg. 1285 (12/01/01)

10 DE Reg. 862 (11/01/06)

15 DE Reg. 1008 (01/01/12)

17 DE Reg. 724 (01/01/14)

22 DE Reg. 720 (03/01/19) (Prop.)