

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

FINAL

REGULATORY IMPLEMENTING ORDER

910 Delaware Requirements for Issuance of the Secondary Credential

I. SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION SUBMITTED

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.

Notice of the proposed regulation was published in the *News Journal* and the *Delaware State News* on March 1, 2019, in the form hereto attached as *Exhibit "A"*. Comments endorsing the amended regulation as published were received from the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens.

II. FINDINGS OF FACTS

The Secretary finds that it is appropriate to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 910 Delaware Requirements for Issuance of the Secondary Credential in order to add definitions for clarification purposes and to comply with the Delaware Administrative Code Style Manual.

III. DECISION TO AMEND THE REGULATION

For the foregoing reasons, the Secretary concludes that it is appropriate to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 910 Delaware Requirements for Issuance of the Secondary Credential. Therefore, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §122, 14 **DE Admin. Code** 910 Delaware Requirements for Issuance of the Secondary Credential attached hereto as *Exhibit "B"* is hereby amended. Pursuant to the provision of 14 **Del.C.** §122(e), 14 **DE Admin. Code** 910 Delaware Requirements for Issuance of the Secondary Credential hereby amended shall be in effect for a period of five years from the effective date of this order as set forth in Section V. below.

IV. TEXT AND CITATION

The text of 14 **DE Admin. Code** 910 Delaware Requirements for Issuance of the Secondary Credential amended hereby shall be in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit "B"*, and said regulation shall be cited as 14 **DE Admin. Code** 910 Delaware Requirements for Issuance of the Secondary Credential in the *Administrative Code of Regulations* for the Department of Education.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDER

The actions hereinabove referred to were taken by the Secretary pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §122 on April 18, 2019. The effective date of this Order shall be ten (10) days from the date this Order is published in the *Delaware Register of Regulations*.

IT IS SO ORDERED the 18th day of April 2019.

Department of Education

Susan S. Bunting, Ed.D., Secretary of Education
Approved this 18th day of April 2019

State Board of Education

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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;

~~3.1.145.1.11~~ ~~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.

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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. 944 (05/01/19) (Final)