

TEACHER CERTIFICATION CODE: SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES

Proposed amendments to this rule set are designed to create consistency in terminology and processes across all certification rule sets promulgated by the Department of Education (i.e., Teacher Certification Code, School Administrator Certification Code, School Psychologist Certification Code, and Certification and Licensure of School Counselors). The goal of many of these proposed amendments is also to streamline the rules, eliminate duplication, and present a logical, more customer-friendly regulatory scheme.

The Department of Education issues approximately 25,000 teaching credentials and 20,000 substitute permits annually. There are approximately 32 approved teacher preparation programs in Michigan. Approximately 100,000 teachers are employed in Michigan K-12 schools annually.

Part	Rule	Section/Sub-Section	Summary of Change(s)
1. General Provisions	390.1101	Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renamed, redefined, added definitions
	1103	Successful teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed 3 year reference to prevent conflict with MCL 380.1531j Changed 150 teaching days to "instructional" Clarified a year of employment can be accumulated Clarified a day = minimum of 6 hours; two partial days may be combined
	1105		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated terms; Use of CTE terminology vs. occupational
	1111		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simplified language Deleted unenforceable language
	1115	Applications, semester credit hours; examination scores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated terms Introduced "standard" rather than "provisional" certificate
	1117	Certificate restrictions and expiration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated terms Continued implementation of "standard certificate" Explicit use of "CTE standard certificate"
	1118	Nullification of teaching certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarified process per MCL 380.1532
2. Standard Teaching Certificate and Interim teaching certificate	390.1121	General provisions.	
	1122	General Education; approved planned program or equivalent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections
	1122a	Interim teaching certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added ability to expire ITC when candidate exits program Added ability/option to add endorsement to MI certificate using alternate route and ITC
	1123	Initial standard teaching certificate; program requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated terms (e.g., reading to literacy) Combined 1122, 1124, 1126 & 1127 for clarity, consistency & flow Clarified language around program requirements: removed major/minor & removed credit specification for some parts of initial preparation
	1124	Scholastic averages; directed teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections

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	1125	Degree and recommendations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No substantive changes
	1126	State elementary provisional certificates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections
	1127	State secondary provisional certificates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections
	1129	Additional endorsements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated terms: philosophical change on how MDE thinks about additional endorsements and all programs beyond the initial preparation programs
	1129a	Procedures at expiration of provisional certificates before September 1, 2013.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Expired Rules
	1129b	Procedures at expiration of standard teaching certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reorganized for clarity and flow Updated 150 continuing education language to match 2013 statewide waiver Re-added one time renewal based upon an earned master's or higher degree (old "master's earned at any time" removed in 2012) Added ability to continually renew standard certificate Tied requirements to progress to Professional certificate back to MCL 380.1531j Removed "within 5 years preceding date of application" restriction, but retained "since the issue date" of last certificate
	1130	Reciprocity agreements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated for clarity on reciprocity and acceptance of out-of-state and out-of-country teacher certification programs Removed the 3-years of experience restriction on out-of-state alternative route programs Referenced law where appropriate (e.g., first aid & CPR requirement, Temporary Teacher Employment Authorizations)
3. Professional Education Certificate	390.1132	Professional education certificate; before July 1, 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated 150 continuing education language to match 2013 statewide waiver Included sunset date to reflect MCL 380.1531j requirements Added language to address reading requirement in MCL 380.1531(4) Removed "within 5 years preceding date of application" restriction, but retained "since the issue date" of last certificate
	1133	Professional education certificate; beginning July 1, 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added language to address MCL 380.1531j specific to Professional certificates issued beginning July 1, 2018 Added ability to progress based upon an earned master's or higher degree (old "master's earned at any time" removed in 2012) Updated 150 continuing education language to match 2013 statewide waiver Added language to address reading requirement in MCL 380.1531(4) Removed "within 5 years preceding date of application" restriction, but retained "since the issue date" of last certificate
	1134		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections
	1135	Professional education certificate renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated 150 continuing education language to match 2013 statewide waiver Added new one time renewal based upon valid out-of-state certificate and experience to enable smoother transition back to Michigan schools Removed "within 5 years preceding date of application" restriction, but retained "since the issue date" of last certificate

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	1137	Advanced professional education certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated for clarity Added language to address MCL 380.1531k
	1138	Advanced professional education certificate; renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated 150 continuing education language to match 2013 statewide waiver Updated for clarity Added language to address MCL 380.1531k
4. Substitute Permits	390.1141-1147	Substitute permits; general provisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided for new permit options- See Permits Summary document(s)
5. Teacher Preparation Providers	390.1151	Approved teacher preparation providers and programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections (1122, 1123, 1124, 1126 & 1127) specific to teacher preparation program approvals and program providers Specifies authority for program approval is with the state superintendent
	1152		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No substantive changes
	1153		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> clarified that experimental programs may not waive specific legal requirements for candidates seeking teaching certification
	1154		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections
6. CTE endorsements, certificates, and authorization	1161	Standard teaching certificate and professional education certificate with CE endorsement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name changes to Standard teaching certificate or Professional Education certificate with a CTE endorsement Use of CTE terminology vs. occupational Changed recent and relevant experience to be defined by Superintendent of Public Instruction
	1162		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections
	1163	CTE standard certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed name of certificate and clarify meaning of endorsement Use of CTE terminology vs. occupational Clarified the length of the validity Changed recent and relevant experience to be defined by Superintendent of Public Instruction Defined the progression and renewal of a CTE certificate to align with the Standard teaching certificate
	1164	CTE professional certificate; before July 1, 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mirrors that language for progression to the Professional; except for reading methods which is not required Clarifies reading diagnostics requirement
	1164a	CTE professional certificate; beginning July 1, 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed "Before Sept 1, 2013" language New rule mirrors the progression from the Standard to the Professional
	1165	Annual CTE authorization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed name of certificate Use of CTE terminology vs. occupational Clarified meaning of endorsement Changed recent and relevant experience to be defined by Superintendent of Public Instruction; plus required "work standards" Added option for Credit track extension at the discretion of the Superintendent of Public Instruction Added new language regarding the Superintendent of Public Instruction's option to rescind
	1166 - 1167		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No substantive changes

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9. Effective Date and Rescission			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescinded: Unnecessary and not in conformance with current practice
10. Denial, suspension, and revocation of teaching certificates and state board approvals	390.1201	Denial, suspension, or revocation of certificate or state board approval; reinstatement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed a fixed term • Redefined offense listed to crime described in MCL 380.1535a or 1539b • Clarified MDE's right to refuse renewal for ineligibility after a conditional agreement • Clarified and added language regarding fitness of a teacher to be in the classroom • Added ability to not reinstate a suspended or revoked certificate if the person was convicted of a crime described in section 380.1535a or 1539b
	1203	Investigation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar to 1201
	1204	Notice of basis for action, notice of right to hearing; informal conference to show compliance; referral for hearing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed written charges to Notice of charges for the basis of action to a certificate
	1216	Action by superintendent of public instruction on proposal for decision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaced references to SOAHR with Michigan Administrative Hearing System

Pertinent laws impacting teacher certification:

Certification Requirements: MCL 380.1 to 380.1853

Reciprocity: MCL 380.1531(6), MCL 380.1531(16)

Certificate Validity: MCL 380.1532

Educator Effectiveness Ratings: MCL 380.1531j & k

Reading Requirement: MCL 380.1531(4)

First Aid & CPR: MCL 380.1531d

District Provided PD: MCL 380.1527

2-Year Extension: MCL 380.1531e

Alternate Routes: MCL 380.1531i

Educator Evaluations MCL 380.1249

Permits MCL 380. 1233b, c, & f

School Safety: MCL 380.1535a & 380.1539b

State Aid Deductions: MCL 388.176