

Education Quality Team
Staff Report for July 9, 2020

From the Education Quality Division: Ron Ryan, Education Programs Manager

On 15 June, the governor extended the state of emergency to 15 July. Per previous Standards Board action, the life of educator licenses schedule to expire on 30 June 2020 are to be extended 90 days beyond the end of the state of emergency. Therefore, all licenses are currently set to expire on 15 October.

Six education preparation programs submitted substantive change plans for their fall student teaching placements in preparation for potential hybrid or remote instruction. It is likely that additional programs will submit substantive change plans in advance of the 11 August meeting.

We received one waiver request from an educator. As this request did not impact his employment for the fall, the executive committee decided to push review of that request to the August meeting.

The AOE and Health Department jointly released guidance regarding health and safety concerns for opening schools for the fall. The guidance mentioned educators and contractors as being allowed in schools for their work and visitors will not be allowed in schools. The guidance did not explicitly mention student teachers or student teaching supervisors. We have been working with the secretary to address this omission in future iterations of the guidance.

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Acknowledgement to the licensing team for continuing to respond promptly to emails, phone calls and questions as they arise during this stressful and unsure time. All applications have continued to be processed during this COVID-19 era. Fingerprinting centers and testing centers have started reopening around the state. Applicants have now been able to schedule fingerprinting appointments in order to complete their renewal applications. Licensing specialist have worked closely with applicants to assist them where needed along with providing guidance on fulfilling licensing obligations.

L/RSB: Several L/RSBs are still meeting remotely due to COVID-19 and some have opted to hold remote meetings over the summer months. Renewals continue to be processed and as of Friday, June 19th approximately 62% of the total 2020 renewals issued had been received at the AOE. Many renewals remain "Under Review" due to the closure of fingerprinting agencies, but in the last two weeks the number of CRC

Reports received at the AOE has increased dramatically since many fingerprinting centers have reopened (as of late May). Annual Reports were mailed out to all L/RSBs in early June with the Grant Application as part of the Annual Report due to a change in the grant process. L/RSBs whose SU/SD had not sent in the Grant Agreement for the 2019-2020 year were notified in June. Grant Agreements for the upcoming year are being written and forwarded to AOE Finance as Grant Applications are received. Deb continues to respond to e-mails from educators and to respond by e-mail and phone to L/RSB Chairs and members regarding any questions.

Current Work Queue per application type as of 6-29-2020: *Applications in the work queue are in various stages of processing from just received to waiting for payment from applicant.*

Application Type	Total
Initial	332
Reinstatement	36
Renewal	552
Retired	13
Temporary	27
1 Yr. Temporary – extenuating circumstance	9
Transcript Review – Initial	69
Transcript Review – Add endorsement	78
Peer Review - Initial	79
Peer Review – Add endorsement	18