

Clearinghouse Rule 98-164

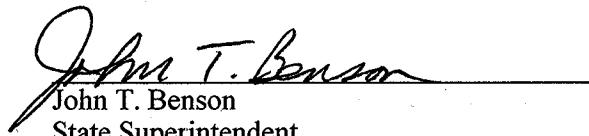
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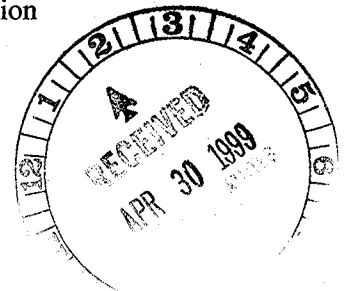
STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION)

I, State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed rule relating to alternative teacher permits was duly approved and adopted by this Department on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register.

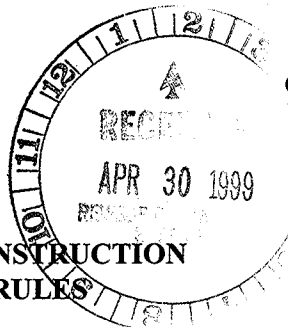
I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at General Executive Facility (GEF) 3, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, in the city of Madison, this 29th day of April, 1999.


John T. Benson
State Superintendent
State Department of Public Instruction



7-1-99



**ORDER OF THE
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
REPEALING AND RECREATING RULES**

The state superintendent of public instruction hereby repeals and recreates PI 3.03 (6) (b) 3., relating to alternative teacher permits.

ANALYSIS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Statutory authority: ss. 115.28 (7) and 227.11 (2) (a), Stats.
Statute interpreted: s. 118.192, Stats.

Section 115.28 (7), Stats., requires the state superintendent of public instruction to license all teachers for the public schools and to make rules establishing standards of attainment for licensure. The rules modify provisions relating to alternative teaching permits.

1997 Wisconsin Act 237, the budget adjustment bill, modified several provisions relating to professional teaching permits. Originally, the permit could be issued only in the subject areas of mathematics and science. Now, the initial 2-year permit may be issued to a person who holds a bachelor's degree in engineering, music, art, foreign language, computer science, mathematics or science from an accredited institution of higher education, has at least 5 years of experience as a professional in the subject area in which his or her degree was awarded and demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the state superintendent, competency in that subject area that is current and compatible with modern curricula. The applicant must also successfully complete 100 hours of formal instruction.

In addition to the statutory requirements above, before a person may attend the 100 hours of training, the rules require applicants to be subject to background investigations.

Successful completion of the 100 hours of training shall be demonstrated by receiving a passing score on a standardized examination that certifies the applicant's competency to teach in the subject area in which he or she will receive a permit.

After the applicant has successfully completed the 100 hours of training, an initial permit shall be issued for a 2-year period and may be renewed for 5 years if the permit holder successfully teaches during the 2-year permit period. Subsequent renewals will be based on rule requirements under s. PI 3.03 (1) (b).

Finally, an initial permit holder:

- Must be supervised by a teacher holding a regular license.
- May not be hired to remove a regularly licensed teacher.

These rules were promulgated as emergency rules effective November 1, 1998.

SECTION 1. PI 3.03 (6) (b) 3. is repealed and recreated to read:

PI 3.03 (6) (b) 3. 'Alternative teacher permits.' a. A permit, which authorizes the holder to teach mathematics, science, music, art, foreign language or computer science may be issued to a person who meets all of the qualifications under this subdivision. The initial permit shall be issued for a 2-year period and may be renewed for a 5-year period as specified under subd. 3. f. and g.

b. An applicant who holds a bachelor's degree in engineering, music, art, foreign language, computer science, mathematics or science and meets the requirements under s. 118.192 (2), Stats., may be issued a permit to teach in the subject area corresponding to the applicant's degree. Under this subdivision, a certificate issued by the American sign language teachers association, which verifies teacher competency in instructing American sign language, shall be considered the equivalent of a bachelor's degree. A person holding a certificate issued by the American sign language teachers association may be issued a permit to teach the content in s. 118.017 (2), Stats. A person holding a bachelor's degree in engineering may be issued a permit to teach the subject areas of mathematics, science, or technology education. An applicant for a permit under this subdivision is subject to a background investigation required under s. 118.19 (10), Stats. To receive a permit under this subdivision, an applicant shall satisfactorily complete an alternative teacher training program consisting of approximately 100 hours of formal instruction in the application of modern curricula in the subject area in which he or she holds a degree. An applicant may be charged a fee sufficient to cover the costs of the program.

c. Successful completion of the 100-hour alternative teacher training program under subpar. b. shall be measured by receiving a passing score on a standardized examination as determined by the state superintendent in the major that certifies the applicant's competency to teach in the subject area in which he or she will receive a permit.

d. Upon satisfactory completion of the alternative teacher training program under subpar. c., an initial 2-year permit shall be issued which authorizes the holder to teach the subject area in which he or she holds a permit. The initial 2-year permit holder shall be supervised by a teacher who holds a regular Wisconsin license. In this subparagraph, "supervised" means the licensed teacher is available to coordinate, direct, and inspect the practice of the person holding the initial permit. An initial permit holder may not be hired to remove a regularly licensed teacher from his or her position.

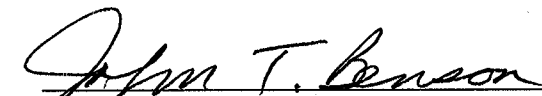
e. The state superintendent may contract with qualified providers for the 100-hour alternative teacher training program under subpar. b.

f. An initial permit issued under this subdivision may be renewed for 5 year periods upon successful completion of the 2-year permit period. Successful completion of the 2-year initial permit period under this subparagraph shall be measured by positive testimony from the supervising teacher and building administrator that the initial permit holder has achieved basic competence in the commonly accepted standards of teaching under s. PI 4.155 (1) to (10). Successful completion of the initial 2-year permit period may be interpreted as equivalent to the requirements under s. 118.19 (3) (a), Stats.

g. The requirements in s. PI 3.03 (1) (b) apply to subsequent renewals of the permit.

The rules contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month commencing after the date of publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Dated this 30th day of April, 1999



John T. Benson
State Superintendent