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NEWS RELEASE

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Public Hearing Scheduled for 14 Proposed Rules on School Personnel and Licensure on December 7 in Santa Fe

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Public Education Department will conduct a public hearing from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 7, 2009 in Mabry Hall, Jerry Apodaca Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 to obtain input on licensure rules for school personnel.

The majority of the rule changes are a result of 2009 Legislation. Some of the proposed revisions include the addition of a provisional license for principals and assistant principals when requested by the employing school district, an alternative assessment to the New Mexico Teachers' Assessment (NMTA) for deaf or hard of hearing teachers, an increase in the semester credit requirement for elementary educators, and provides licensure for marriage and family therapists.

The proposed rules may be accessed on the PED website (<http://ped.state.nm.us>) or obtained by providing a self-addressed stamped envelope to Ms. Flo Martinez, Administrative Assistant, Licensure Bureau, Educator Quality Division, Public Education Department, 300 Don Gaspar Ave., Room 103, Santa Fe, NM. 87501. The proposed rules will be made available at least thirty days prior to the hearings.

Current NMAC	Amend Rule	Rule Part Name
6.60.3 NMAC	6.60.3 NMAC	ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE
6.60.4 NMAC	6.60.4 NMAC	LICENSURE RECIPROCITY
6.60.5 NMAC	6.60.5 NMAC	COMPETENCY TESTING FOR LICENSURE
6.60.6 NMAC	6.60.6 NMAC	CONTINUING LICENSURE FOR LICENSED EDUCATORS IN NEW MEXICO
6.61.2 NMAC	6.61.2 NMAC	LICENSURE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, GRADES K-8
6.61.8 NMAC	6.61.8 NMAC	LICENSURE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, BIRTH - GRADE 3
6.61.10 NMAC	6.61.10 NMAC	TEACHERS OF STUDENTS WITH BLINDNESS/VISUAL IMPAIRMENT B-12
NEW	6.61.11 NMAC	LICENSURE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, BIRTH - PRE-K

NEW	6.61.12 NMAC	LICENSURE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, PRE-K - GRADE 3
6.62.2 NMAC	6.62.2 NMAC	LICENSURE FOR EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION, GRADES PRE-K-12
6.63.3 NMAC	6.63.3 NMAC	LICENSURE FOR INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROVIDERS PRE K-12 NOT COVERED IN OTHER RULES
NEW	6.64.18 NMAC	COMPETENCIES FOR TEACHING GIFTED STUDENTS
6.6.3.5 NMAC	6.63.5 NMAC	LICENSURE FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS, PRE K-12
6.68.2 NMAC	6.68.2 NMAC	DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Interested individuals may testify at the public hearing or submit written comments to Ms. Flo Martinez, Administrative Assistant, Licensure Bureau, Educator Quality Division, Public Education Department, 300 Don Gaspar Ave., Room 103, Santa Fe, NM 87501 (florence.martinez@state.nm.us) fax: 505-827-4148. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM on December 7, 2009. However, the submission of written comments as soon as possible is encouraged.

Individuals with disabilities who require this information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the meeting are asked to contact Ms. Martinez by 5:00 PM on November 27, 2009. The PED requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.

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