

Report From Agency
FINAL REPORT
CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 24-016
CHAPTER PI 34
EDUCATOR LICENSES

Analysis by the Department of Public Instruction

Statutory authority: s. 118.192, Stats.

Statute interpreted: ss. 115.28 (7) (a) and 118.19 (1), Stats.

Section PI 34.034 relates to the requirements of a tier I, professional teaching permit as identified in statute under s. 118.192, Wis. Stats. Under current rule, the state superintendent may issue a permit under s. PI 34.034 to an individual to teach kindergarten through grade 12 in American sign language, art, computer science, foreign language, mathematics, music, science, and technology education. In order to obtain a professional teaching permit, an applicant must, in part, meet certain professional work experience requirements, in a subject area corresponding to the applicant's degree; satisfactorily completed an alternate teacher training program consisting of approximately 100 hours of formal instruction in the application of modern curricula in the subject area sought by the applicant; and received a passing score on a standardized examination as determined by the state superintendent.

The department's experience with the current rule is that the requirements for obtaining a permit are unclear as they relate to the applicant's work history, degree requirements, and permit eligibility. As such, the proposed rule seeks to provide clarity and guidance for applicants on the criteria and process for obtaining a professional teaching permit. Changes encompass various aspects such as eligibility requirements, including professional work experience, formal instruction, and standardized exam requirements. The rule further identifies the permits for which an applicant would be eligible, clarifies school district requests for the permits, and streamlines renewal criteria.

The hearing notice was published in the February 19, 2024, edition of the Wisconsin Administrative Register. A public hearing was held on March 13, 2024.

Summary of public comments relative to the rule and the agency's response to those comments:

No persons testified at the March 13th hearing or provided written testimony.

Changes made as a result of oral or written testimony:

No changes were made.

Changes to the analysis or the fiscal estimate:

Changes to the plain language analysis and fiscal estimate were made in response to Comment 2.a. in the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse report. No further changes were made.

Responses to Clearinghouse Report:

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code:

The changes are accepted.

4. Adequacy of References to Related Statutes, Rules and Forms:

The changes are accepted.

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Plainness:

The changes are accepted.