

Clearinghouse Rule 99-130

CERTIFICATE

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 grants for national teacher certification was duly approved and adopted by this Department on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register.

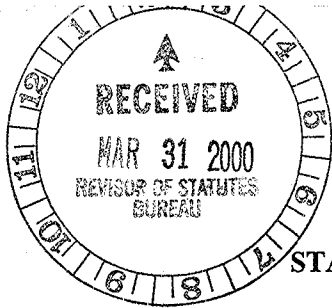
I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

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 3/st day of March, 2000.

John T. Benson

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State Superintendent
State Department of Public Instruction





**ORDER OF THE
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
CREATING RULES**

The state superintendent of public instruction hereby creates Chapter PI 37, relating to grants for national teacher certification.

ANALYSIS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Statutory authority: ss. 115.42(4) and 227.11(2)(a), Stats.

Statute interpreted: s. 115.42, Stats.

1997 Wisconsin Act 237 created s. 115.42, Stats., which establishes a grant program for national teacher certification. Under the program, the state superintendent shall award an amount not to exceed \$2,000 the first year and \$2,500 in each of the 9 school years following the school year in which an individual received the initial grant if the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

- The person is certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.
- The person is licensed as a teacher by the state superintendent or employed as a teacher in a private school located in this state.
- The person is a resident of this state.
- The person is employed as a teacher in this state.

A person receiving a national teacher certificate is exempt from meeting the teacher license renewal requirements in the 5 years immediately preceding his or her application for renewal if he or she has been initially certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards during those 5 years.

The rules establish:

- The application process, including necessary documentation.
- The number of times that a teacher may be exempt from continuing professional education requirements.

The statutes also require the rules to specify a selection process for grant recipients. Since the appropriation for the program is sum sufficient for grants awarded, and there is no limit as to the number of awards that may be made, it would seem that all applicants meeting the eligibility criteria specified in the rule will be selected to receive grants. Therefore, the rules do not specify a selection process in addition to the eligibility criteria section.

SECTION 1. Chapter PI 37 is created to read:

CHAPTER PI 37

GRANTS FOR NATIONAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION

- 1 PI 37.01 PURPOSE. Under s. 115.42, Stats., the state superintendent shall award grants to eligible
2 applicants who are certified by the national board for professional teaching standards. This chapter sets forth criteria
3 and procedures for awarding grants under this program. This chapter also specifies continuing professional
4 education exemptions for national board certificate holders.

1 PI 37.02 DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

2 (1) "Residence" has the meaning given in s. 6.10 (1), Stats.

3 (2) "School year" has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (13), Stats.

4 (3) "State license" means a document issued under chapter PI 3 granting authority or permission to serve as a
5 professional school employe in Wisconsin public schools.

6 (4) "State superintendent" means the state superintendent of public instruction for the state of Wisconsin.

7 PI 37.03 GRANTS FOR NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION. (1) ELIGIBILITY. (a) Annually by

8 June 30, a person meeting all of the following requirements may apply to the state superintendent for a grant in the
9 amount equal to the costs of obtaining national board certification that are borne by the person, not to exceed \$2,000:

10 1. The person is certified by the national board for professional teaching standards.

11 2. The person is licensed as a teacher by the state superintendent or employed as a teacher in a private
12 school located in this state.

13 3. The person has maintained a residence in the state for at least 10 days immediately prior to submitting an
14 application under this section.

15 4. The person is employed as a teacher in this state.

16 (b) Persons receiving a grant under par. (a) may apply annually by June 30 in each of the 9 school years
17 following the school year in which he or she received the grant to the state superintendent for a \$2,500 grant if the
18 person satisfies all of the following requirements:

19 1. The person maintains his or her certification by the national board for professional teaching standards.

20 2. The person maintains his or her license as a teacher by the state superintendent or remains employed in a
21 private school located in this state.

22 3. The person remains a resident of this state.

23 4. The person remains employed as a teacher in this state.

24 (2) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS. A person applying for a grant under this chapter shall provide the
25 state superintendent with all of the following information:

26 (a) A certified copy of the applicant's national board certificate.

27 (b) A letter from the employing public or private school administrator or his or her designee indicating that
28 the applicant is employed as a teacher in this state.

29 (c) Evidence indicating that the applicant is a resident of this state. The evidence shall indicate the
30 applicant's home address and may include a state income tax statement.

31 PI 37.04 EXEMPTION FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. (1) (a) A person holding
32 national board certification as of July 1, 2000 shall be granted a master educator license under s. PI 34.19 and shall
33 be exempt from meeting the continuing professional education credit requirements under s. PI 3.03 (2) (b) as long as
34 the national board certification is effective.

1 (b) For persons seeking an exemption under par. (a), the effective date of a state license shall coincide with
2 the effective date of the national board certification.

3 (2) A person who applies for and completes the process for national board certification shall renew his or her
4 state license upon its expiration but he or she is exempt from meeting the continuing professional education credit
5 requirements under s. PI 3.03 (2) (b), regardless if he or she receives the national certification.

6 NOTE: A certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is effective for 10
7 years.

8 PI 37.05 REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS AND AWARDING OF GRANTS. The state superintendent shall
9 review the applications submitted under this chapter and shall award grants if the applicant meets all of the criteria
10 specified under PI 37.03.

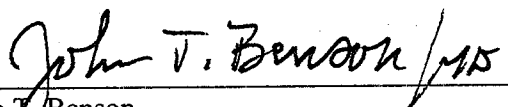
11 NOTE: Additional information regarding the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards may be
12 obtained by contacting the board at 26555 Evergreen Road, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48076; (248) 351-4444;
13 Website: www.nbpts.org

14 PI-1669, National Teacher Certification Grant Application, may be obtained at no charge from the
15 Department of Public Instruction, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

16 Additional information regarding Wisconsin incentives may be obtained by contacting the Department of
17 Public Instruction Teacher Education and Licensing, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841; (608) 266-1879.

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 31st day of March, 2000



John T. Benson
State Superintendent