

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 207, 305, 3001, 3004, 3006 and 3009 of the Education Law.

1. Paragraph (24) of subdivision (b) of section 80-1.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner shall be amended, effective April 1, 2015, to read as follows:

(24) *Internship certificate* means the certificate issued a student in a registered or approved graduate program of teacher education which includes an internship experience(s) and who has completed at least one-half of the semester hour requirement for the program and may, at the request of the institution, be issued an internship certificate [without fee].

2. Subdivisions (a) through (d) of section 80-5.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner shall be renumbered as subdivisions (b) through (e) of section 80-5.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and a new subdivision (a) shall be added to section 80-5.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner, effective April 1, 2015, to read as follows:

(a) For purposes of this section, *school year* shall mean a minimum of 180 days of full-time school experience or the substantial equivalent, as defined by the Commissioner.

3. Subclause (2) of clause (b) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of section 80-5.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner shall be amended, effective April 1, 2015, to read as follows:

(2) Time validity. The certificate shall be valid for three years from its effective date and shall not be renewable, except that the validity period of the level II teaching assistant certificate may be extended by the commissioner for a candidate called to active duty in the Armed Forces for the period of active service and an additional 12 months from the end of such service. The commissioner may also extend the time

validity of an expired level II teaching assistant certificate in increments of one year for a candidate who has applied for citizenship or permanent residency, and whose application for citizenship or permanent residency has not been acted upon by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) until the USCIS acts upon such application. Such candidates must provide documentation satisfactory to the department that they meet these requirements, and that they have completed all other requirements for a Level III certificate.