



Memorandum

Date: May 28, 2008

To: Ontario Association of Deans of Education
Deans, Faculties of Education
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Providers, Additional Qualifications Courses
Directors of Education
Superintendents, Human Resources
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QECCO, OSSTF Certification
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Subject: Amendments to Regulation 184/97, Teachers' Qualifications and
Regulation 347/02, Accreditation of Teacher Education Programs
– Ontario Regulation 135/08 and Ontario Regulation 136/08

I am pleased to inform you that the government has acted on several more of Council's regulatory recommendations arising from the review of teachers' qualifications.

At its meeting on March 28-29, 2008, Council approved a number of additional amendments to Regulation 184/97, Teachers' Qualifications and consequential amendments to Regulation 347/02, Accreditation of Teacher Education Programs. These were subsequently approved by Cabinet and filed as Regulations 135/08 and 136/08 on May 5, 2008. I am enclosing a copy of the amending regulations for your information. You can find online versions of Regulation 184/97 and 347/02, as amended, at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca.

The amendments fall into three general categories: definition of acceptable postsecondary degree, definition of master's degree for entry to the Principal's Qualification Program (PQP) and Supervisory Officer's Qualification Program (SOQP), and amendments related to Technological Education.

In the case of technological education amendments:

- reference to Technological Studies has been changed to technological education
- the definition of technological qualifications, the definition of program of professional education specifically related to technological education and the prerequisite for entry to the Honours Specialist qualification have been revised to reflect Council's recommendations for change arising from the Teachers' Qualifications Review
- the requirement to have qualifications in three divisions, including the intermediate division, for entry to PQP and SOQP has been amended to include references to those with qualifications in technological education
- Schedule B – Technological Education Options Taken in English or French has been amended to add new qualifications that align with new curriculum areas.

You will note that the changes have three different effective dates. Those that relate to acceptable postsecondary degree are effective immediately; changes to the definition of master's degree are effective August 31, 2008; and those that relate to technological education come into effect May 31, 2009.

College staff continue to work with Ministry of Education staff on the remaining recommendations for change. I will keep you informed as further amendments are made. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-961-8800 extension 617 or you may contact Margaret Aubé, Teachers' Qualifications Regulation Project Leader at extension 851.



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