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## Memo

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**Date:** June 6, 2013

**To:** Deans of Faculties of Education  
Registrars, Faculties of Education  
Providers of Additional Qualification Programs  
General Secretaries, Ontario Teachers' Federation and Affiliates  
Supervisory Officers Organizations

**From:** Michael Salvatori, OCT  
Chief Executive Officer and Registrar

**Subject:** **Sunsetting of Old Qualifications**

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The College's Teachers' Qualifications regulation includes sections that sunset obsolete qualifications or certification items.

Four additional qualifications are scheduled to be retired on May 20, 2015. College members who have not yet completed outstanding requirements to obtain these additional qualifications must complete them prior to the retirement date. It is anticipated that there will be very few College members affected, however the College is providing this early notification to ensure College members are aware of the time limitations to complete any outstanding requirements for the qualifications.

The areas of qualifications affected by the change are described in the Teachers' Qualifications Regulation in section 41.

### **Master of Library Science – Librarianship Specialist Additional Qualification**

Members who, before 1978, began a Master of Library Science program that was approved as leading to the specialist in Librarianship will continue to be able to obtain the specialist qualification until May 20, 2015. These members must hold a certificate and have met the requirements as they stood on June 30, 1978. These requirements include completion of the master's degree and a recommendation from a Supervisory Officer.

**Master of Education – Guidance Additional Qualification**

Members who, before 1978, began a Master of Education program that was approved as leading to the specialist qualification in Guidance will continue to be able to obtain the specialist qualification until May 20, 2015. These members must hold a certificate and have met the requirements as they stood on June 30, 1978.

These requirements would include completion of the master’s degree, and evidence of successful experience in a school library, certified by the Principal of the secondary school concerned and verified by a Supervisory Officer.

**Interim Occupational or Vocational Type A Certificate**

Members who completed the first part of a two-part program towards the Interim Occupational or Vocational, Type A Certificate as of June 30 1978, and who have completed all other requirements for the certificate as they existed in 1978, may obtain the corresponding technological qualifications. This can be done until May 20, 2015.

**Interim High School Assistant’s Certificate, Type A – Honours Specialist Qualifications**

Members who, on July 1, 1978 held an Interim High School Assistant’s Certificate, Type A or who, before July 1, 1979, completed the requirements for the certificate. may have the corresponding Honours Specialist Qualification entered on their certificate if they provide evidence of two years of teaching in secondary grades in the subject area. This can be done until May 20, 2015.

The College will provide this information to members through a notification in a future issue of *Professionally Speaking/Pour Parler Profession*. Members can obtain further details on how to complete requirements by contacting Client Services at 416-961-8800 (toll-free in Ontario at 1-888-534-2222), or by email at [info@oct.ca](mailto:info@oct.ca).

Thank you for your assistance in supporting College members affected by this activity. The College reviews qualifications and historical agreements regularly, and when changes result, we will notify the sector with as much notice as possible.

Sincerely,

Michael Salvatori, OCT  
Chief Executive Officer and Registrar