



Memorandum

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To: Deans, Faculties of Education
Registrars, Faculties of Education
Providers of Additional Qualification Programs
Qualifications Evaluation Council of Ontario
OSSTF Certification Council

From: W. Douglas Wilson, Registrar and Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Regulation 184/97 - Teachers Qualifications

I am pleased to advise you of recent changes to the Teachers Qualifications regulation.

These changes amend Regulation 184/97 made under the *Ontario College of Teachers Act*, and are part of continuing efforts by the College to bring requirements into line with today's realities and respond to ongoing changes in education. They include:

- Amending the regulation to redefine an "acceptable university degree" as an "acceptable post-secondary degree." This makes it possible for the College to recognize undergraduate degrees granted by Ontario institutions that were authorized to grant the degree under an Act of the Legislative Assembly, or authorized to grant the degree under the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, for teacher certification in Ontario. Previously, only those degrees granted by universities that were members of the Association of Universities and College of Canada (AUCC) were considered acceptable under Regulation 184.

Revisions would also apply to degrees granted by a post-secondary institution in a Canadian province or territory other than Ontario that is considered by the College to be equivalent to such Ontario degrees.

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Post-secondary institutions that were authorized to grant degrees by the appropriate body at the time a candidate's degree was awarded would be included in this policy.

In addition, candidates with master's degrees or doctorates from such institutions can use those degrees to meet requirements for Principal's and Supervisory Officer's qualifications.

- Recognizing 194 days as the duration of a school year, which will provide members and stakeholders with clarity for determining a year of successful teaching experience for activities such as Additional Qualification course admission, or the conversion of an Interim Certificate of Qualification to a Certificate of Qualification.
- Removing the tuberculosis test as a prerequisite for College certification. Tuberculosis tests will remain the responsibility of employers and are required by faculties of education prior to practicum assignments.
- Removing the provision for earning a Certificate of Qualification (Restricted) to Teach the Trainable Retarded. Those who hold such certificates continue to be certified and can be assigned to teach the developmentally delayed.

These amendments can be found in the Teachers Qualifications regulation on the College's website, at www.oct.ca -> About the College -> Legislation. The changes are effective immediately, and the College's 2005 registration process - which will be completed online by Ontario graduates beginning in 2005 - will reflect these new requirements.

You may also be aware that the College has initiated a broader review of the Teachers Qualifications regulation. I will provide you with periodic updates on the progress of the review in the months ahead.

I'm confident that these changes will be welcome, and I will be happy to provide any clarification you may require on these amendments and their implications.



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