



Memorandum

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From: Michael Salvatori
Registrar and Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **Amendments to Regulation 184/97, Teachers' Qualifications re prerequisites for the Principal's Qualification Program (PQP)**

Changes to Regulation 184/97, Teachers' Qualification Regulation have implications for the Principal's Qualification Program (PQP) in defining the duration of a master's degree for entry to the program.

In Regulation 184/97, one of the requirements for entry to the PQP may be met when a candidate completes a specialist qualification and half of the requirements for a master's degree. Previously, since the Teachers' Qualification Regulation did not define a master's degree in terms of a minimum number of credits to be completed, it left the requirements for half of a master's degree open to interpretation.

The regulation now defines the duration of a master's degree, for entry to the PQP, as one year of full-time studies – that is, a minimum of 30 graduate postsecondary credits or their equivalent. This change has enabled the College to determine that a candidate may be admitted to PQP on the basis of completing half of the credits required for a master's degree, that is, a minimum of 15 graduate postsecondary credits or their equivalent.

The amended regulation now includes the requirement that candidates be admitted on the basis of holding one of the following, which must be in addition to any credits required for initial certification:

- a master's degree composed of a minimum of 30 graduate postsecondary credits or their equivalent OR
- a doctorate OR
- 30 graduate postsecondary credits or their equivalent OR
- two specialist qualifications OR
- one specialist qualification and half the credits required for a master's degree, that is, a minimum of 15 graduate postsecondary credits or their equivalent.

The graduate postsecondary credits or their equivalent completed for entry to PQP must be in addition to the 30 credits or studies required for initial certification. The additional 15 credits or studies must be earned as part of a graduate program.

For clarity, graduate postsecondary credits or their equivalent that qualify for any

graduate degree beyond those required for initial certification will meet the requirements, including credits or their equivalent earned in master's or doctoral programs and credits or their equivalent that can be used toward earning a master's degree.

At the same time as the regulation was changed to define a master's for PQP requirements, it was also changed to define a master's for entry requirements to the Supervisory Officer's Qualification Program (SOQP) as 30 graduate postsecondary credits or their equivalent. Like the PQP changes, the master's credits must be beyond the credits used for initial certification.

The College continues to work with the Ministry of Education to revise Regulation 184/97 according to recommendations made by the Teachers' Qualifications Review.

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, ext. 617 or you may contact Margaret Aubé, Teachers' Qualifications Regulation Project Leader at ext. 851.

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