



April 28, 2021

The Honourable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
438 University Avenue, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2A5

Dear Minister Lecce,

We are writing to share a recommendation made by the Transition Supervisory Officer (TSO) acting as Council related to the creation of a notation to indicate successful completion of the Math Proficiency Test (“MPT Notation”) on College member certificates and the public register.

On September 25, 2019, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Education wrote to the College requesting that Council, “...Consider amending Ontario Regulation 176/10 (Teachers’ Qualifications) to provide that a member’s certificate of qualification and registration shall indicate that a member has successfully completed the math proficiency test. The notation would highlight the commitment to public accountability and high standards of teaching excellence.”

In order to place the MPT notation on the certificate of qualification and registration, Regulation 176/10 (Teachers’ Qualifications or “TQR”) would require amendment. The College’s bylaws would also require amendment to place the MPT notation on the public register. The necessary regulatory and bylaw amendments are included in the briefing note enclosed with this letter.

On April 16, 2021, the proposal to enable the MPT notation by amending the TQR and bylaws was put forward to the TSO for consideration. At that meeting, the TSO, acting as Council, recommended that:

- 1. The Minister of Education amend the Teachers’ Qualifications Regulation (Regulation 176/10) to place a statement on a certificate indicating successful completion of the Mathematics Proficiency Test.**
- 2. The College bylaws be amended to allow for a statement on the public register indicating successful completion of the Mathematics Proficiency Test.**

We look forward to working with you to implement the necessary regulatory amendments to enable the MPT notation, as described above.

Sincerely,

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Paul Boniferra
Transition Supervisory Officer

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Dr. Derek Haime, OCT
Registrar and Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure: Briefing Note – Math Proficiency Test Notation

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Briefing Note

Math Proficiency Test Notation

Background

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The Mathematics Proficiency Test (MPT) notation would be a permanent and public indication of successful completion of the MPT for all members. In contrast, the MPT condition to pass the test by August 31, 2021 is only for members who did not meet the MPT requirement prior to certification and is removed from the certificate and public register upon passing the test.

Regulatory and Bylaw Considerations

Teachers’ Qualifications Regulation

In order to list successful completion of the MPT on the certificate, subsection 19(1) of Regulation 176/10 (Teachers’ Qualifications Regulation or “TQR”) would require amendment as follows:

Contents of a Certificate

19. (1) Every general or transitional certificate of qualification and registration shall be issued in the form prescribed by the by-laws, and shall indicate,

...

(g) a statement indicating successful completion of the mathematics test by an applicant, as identified to the Registrar pursuant to s. 4(6) of Regulation 271/19 of the Ontario College of Teachers Act.

College Bylaws

The College’s bylaws set out what can appear on the public register. In order to reflect the successful completion of the MPT on the public register, the following amendment would be required:

25.01 In addition to the information prescribed by section 23 of the Act, the register shall contain:

...

(n) a statement indicating successful completion of the mathematics test by a member, as identified to the Registrar pursuant to s. 4 (6) of Regulation 271/19 of the Ontario College of Teachers Act.

Recommendation

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statement on a certificate indicating successful completion of the Mathematics Proficiency Test.

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Next Steps

The College will work with the Ministry of Education to develop regulatory language for the consideration by the TSO. Bylaw amendments allowing for the MPT notation to appear on the public register would become effective once the regulatory amendments are made.

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Policy and Research Unit

Date:

April 21, 2021