



Arizona Department of Education



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Subject Knowledge Examination Waiver Information for Charter School Teachers

The State Board of Education recently adopted board rule R7-2-607.01, a temporary grandfathering provision intending to recognize the efforts of effective teachers without burdening them with additional testing requirements during the transition from NCLB to ESSA. Specifically, this assists certified teachers who were previously designated as “highly qualified” under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) in adding one or more approved subject areas to their certificate.

State Statute does not require charter teachers to be certified, except for special education teachers. The temporary grandfathering provision applies to all charter special education teachers. It also applies to any charter teacher who holds a valid Elementary or Secondary certificate, or a Special Education certificate that includes grades 6-12, issued prior to August 1, 2016, who desires to become “appropriately certified” in a subject.

Additionally, charter schools who hire certified teachers for other grades and content areas are encouraged to support these teachers through this temporary grandfathering provision.

The application to add an approved area under Board rule R7-2-607.01 may be found here: <https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=588fb6081130c10eecdea935> .

Please contact ADE at 602-542-1842 or TitleI-A@azed.gov should you have any questions.