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CHAPTER 24:15:01

DEFINITION OF TERMS

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24:15:01:01. Definitions. Terms used in this article mean:

(1) "Accredited," having met the standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education or one of the six regional accrediting agencies: North Central Association, New England Association, Middle States Association, Southern Association, Northwest Association, and Western Association;

(2) "Administrator," an individual who has completed an approved program for principals or school superintendents at an accredited institution and has been issued a South Dakota certificate;

(3) "Advanced certification," certification that is granted to an individual who has obtained a master's, doctorate, specialist degree, or National Board Certification;

(4) "Alternative certification," a process of completing an approved teacher education program or a professional development plan for alternative certification while employed in a South Dakota school system accredited or approved by the department;

(5) "Approved education endorsement," a sequence of courses and experiences completed at a minor level or less or verification of a passing score on the approved state certification examination that meets preparation standards in article 24:15;

(6) "Approved education program," courses and experiences requiring completion of a degree with a major or its equivalent that meets preparation standards of article 24:53 or preparation standards of other states' educational agencies;

(7) "Authorization," content areas and grade spans designated on a certificate;

(8) "Certificate," granted by the state of South Dakota that provides official recognition of completion of all necessary preparation requirements and authorizes the holder to perform educational services;

(9) "Certifying officer," the official from an accredited institution with approved education programs who is authorized to verify completion of preparation requirement and recommend certification;

(10) "Continuing education contact hour," hour documented by participation in an educational professional development opportunity;

(11) "Credit," credit is equivalent to 15 contact hours;

(12) "Department," South Dakota Department of Education;

(13) "Instructor," an individual who has not completed an approved teacher education program, except for those who are qualified pursuant to subdivision 24:15:03:02(3), and has been issued a South Dakota certificate;

(14) "Lapsed certificate," a certificate that has not been renewed within 90 days of the expiration date;

(15) "Military Spouse," an applicant: (a) who holds a valid certificate issued by another state or the District of Columbia; (b) whose spouse is a member of the armed forces of the United States; (c) whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to South Dakota; and (d) who left employment to accompany the spouse to South Dakota.

~~(15)~~ (16) "School service specialist," an individual who serves as a school counselor, school social worker, school psychologist, school psychological examiner, school speech/language pathologist, school library media specialist, business official, curriculum director, or special education director and has been issued a South Dakota certificate;

~~(1617)~~ "Stand-alone certificate," a certificate issued to an individual who is restricted to the area of authorization indicated on the certificate;

~~(1718)~~ "State certification exam," an assessment of content and pedagogical knowledge required in articles 24:15 and 24:53 with passing scores established by the Board of Education;

~~(1819)~~ "Teacher," an individual who has completed an approved teacher education program at an accredited institution or an alternative certification program and has been issued a South Dakota certificate;

~~(1920)~~ "Transcribed credit," credit issued on an accredited college or university transcript.

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CHAPTER 24:15:09

MILITARY SPOUSE

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24:15:09:01. Application of military spouse. A military spouse who applies for a certificate pursuant to this article shall identify his or her military spouse status on the application. The Department shall provide a method for identification of military spouse status on the application. The Department may require documentation to verify the military spouse status of the applicant. The application shall be considered complete when the Department has received all required documentation necessary to process the application and the required application fee.

Source:

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24:15:09:02. Review of complete application. Within thirty days of receipt of a complete application pursuant to § 24:15:09:01, the Secretary shall:

(1) Determine whether the military spouse applicant meets the requirements for the issuance of a certificate in South Dakota and if so, issue the certificate pursuant to this article; or

(2) If subsection (1) does not apply, then determine whether the requirements for the issuance of a certificate in the state or District of Columbia where the military spouse applicant holds a valid certificate are substantially equivalent to the requirements in South Dakota.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

Law Implemented: SDCL 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, 2013 SB 117 §§ 6-8.

24:15:09:03. Temporary certificate.

If the Secretary is unable to make the determinations required in § 24:15:09:02 within thirty days of the receipt of the complete application, or if the Secretary determines that the requirements for the issuance of a certificate in the state or District of Columbia where the military spouse applicant holds a valid certificate are substantially equivalent to the requirements in South Dakota, then the Secretary will issue a temporary certificate to the military spouse applicant for a period not to exceed six months. The military spouse may only be issued one temporary certificate pursuant to this section. Upon expiration of the temporary certificate, the military spouse must reapply with the Department pursuant to this article and meet the requirements for issuance of a certificate in South Dakota. The substantial equivalency provisions of this chapter do not apply to a military spouse who reapplies pursuant to this section.

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General Authority: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

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24:15:09:04. Secretary's powers unaffected.

Nothing in this chapter shall limit the Secretary's ability to deny, refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke a certificate for failure to fulfill the requirements of this chapter or pursuant to SDCL 13-42-7 to 13-42-10, inclusive.

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