**§13019-I. Administrator certificate**

**1. Requirement.**  An administrator's certificate is required for employment as an administrator at a school administrative unit in the State, at a public school or at a private school approved for attendance purposes pursuant to section 2901, subsection 2, paragraph B.

[PL 2017, c. 235, §25 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]

**2. Qualifications.**  State board rules governing the qualifications for an administrator certificate must require that the certificate may be issued only to an applicant who at a minimum:

A. Has at least 3 years of satisfactory teaching experience or the equivalent; [PL 2017, c. 235, §25 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]

B. Has academic and professional knowledge as demonstrated through the completion of required graduate or undergraduate courses or programs, performance in examinations or completion of specialized programs approved for this purpose; [PL 2017, c. 235, §25 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]

C. Has a basic level of knowledge in competency areas determined by the state board; and [PL 2017, c. 235, §25 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]

D. Has satisfactorily completed an approved internship or practicum relating to the duties of an administrator. [PL 2017, c. 235, §25 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]

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**3. Certificate renewal.**  An administrator's certificate is issued for a 5-year period and may be renewed in accordance with state board rules, which must require, at a minimum, that the administrator, whether employed or unemployed, complete at least 6 semester hours of professional or academic study or the equivalent or in-service training designed to improve the performance of the administrator in the field.

[PL 2017, c. 235, §25 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]

**4. Endorsements.**  The administrator certificate must be issued with an endorsement that specifies the work area for which the individual is determined to be qualified. A holder of an administrator certificate may not work outside the holder's area of endorsement unless permitted under rules established by the state board. This includes the following areas:

A. Employment as a superintendent of a school administrative unit in the State; [PL 2017, c. 235, §25 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]

B. Employment as a building administrator or principal of a public school or as chief administrator of a private school approved for attendance purposes pursuant to section 2901, subsection 2, paragraph B; and [PL 2017, c. 235, §25 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]

C. Employment as any other administrator as may be determined by the state board to be necessary and beneficial for the efficient operation of the schools. [PL 2017, c. 235, §25 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]

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