

OFFICE OF CHIEF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

09. Approval to begin the APA process in order to amend the license code 101 requirements for student interns in Mississippi teacher preparation programs to reflect language of Mississippi Code 37-3-2 [Goal 4 - Effective Teachers]

Background Information: The Office of Educator Quality recommended that a teacher intern enrolled in an educator preparation program at a Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning be issued a professional license (endorsement 101) through the Mississippi Department of Education. A teacher intern shall then be held accountable to the MS Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct, upon beginning a teaching internship in a Mississippi school. Unethical teacher intern behavior shall be reported, as unethical teacher behavior is reported, through the Appendix C form in the Procedures for Reporting Infractions Handbook.

- The Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development approved the recommendation for this new license on July 11, 2014.
- On February 19, 2015, the SBE approved the requirements for the one-year intern license. The proposed changes correct an error in the approved list of nationally recognized assessments.
- Mississippi Code 37-3-2 (v) states:

From and after September 30, 2015, no teacher candidate shall be licensed to teach in Mississippi who did not meet the following criteria for entrance into an approved teacher education program:

1. Twenty-one (21) ACT equivalent or achieve the nationally recommended passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

ONE YEAR TEACHER INTERN LICENSE

The non-renewable teacher intern license (101) is issued to a student of a nationally accredited teacher preparation program in MS and is NOT currently employed in a teaching position. This license is specific to those working to complete a teacher preparation degree program in MS.

License	Requirements	Validity	To Convert to a Five Year Educator License
Class A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current enrollment in a traditional education degree program from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning in MS 2. Pass Praxis I (Pre-Professional Skills Test PPST) or <u>Achieve the nationally recommended passing score on Praxis Core- CASE (Core Academics Skills for Educators) or Score Twenty-one (21) ACT equivalent</u> 	1 year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An online recommendation from the teacher preparation program should be made upon completion of the degree and certification requirements. 2. Bachelor's degree or higher in Teacher Education from a state approved or NCATE/CAEP approved program from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning 3. Praxis II (Principles of Learning and Teaching Test) 4. Praxis II (Specialty Area Test) in Degree program

***This license requires an online recommendation from the teacher preparation program. Once the online recommendation is made, the educator must apply for the license online.**