



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: 2016-2017 Board-Approved List of Industry Certification Examinations, State Professional Licensure Examinations, and Occupational Competency Assessments**

At its meeting on May 26, 2016, the Board of Education approved technical changes and additions to and deletions from the [list](#) of industry certification examinations, state professional licensure examinations, and occupational competency assessments pursuant to the [Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia](#) as follows:

- Standard and Verified Units of Credit (8 VAC 20-131-110.C – minimum criteria for substitute tests);
  - Student-selected verified credit for standard diploma (8 VAC 20-131-50.B.2 – Notes 4, 5, 6 and 7);
  - Verified credit for the advanced studies diploma (8 VAC 20-131-50.C.2 – Note 5);
- The Board of Education's Career and Technical Education Seal (8 VAC 20-131-50.H.3);
- The Board of Education's Seal of Advanced Mathematics and Technology (8 VAC 20-131-50.H.4); and
- Beginning in 2013-2014, first-time ninth-grade students (graduating class of 2017) are required to earn an industry credential to graduate with a Standard Diploma (8 VAC 20-131-50.B.2, Note 8).

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Career and Technical Education at [cte@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:cte@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at 804-225-2052.

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