



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Industry Certification Credential Required for Initial Licensure with Endorsements in the Area of Career and Technical Education

The 2014 General Assembly approved [House Bill 758](#) (Delegate Thomas Davis Rush, chief patron) that will amend and re-enact Section 22.1-298.1 of the *Code of Virginia* regarding initial licensing in the area of career and technical education. The legislation will become effective July 1, 2014.

[House Bill 758](#) states, in part the following:

§ A. As used in this section:

"Industry certification credential" means a career and technical education credential that is earned by successfully completing a Board of Education-approved industry certification examination, being issued a state professional license, or successfully completing an occupational competency examination.

§ 6. Every teacher seeking initial licensure with an endorsement in the area of career and technical education shall have an industry certification credential in the area in which the teacher seeks endorsement.

Documentation of successfully completing a Board of Education-approved industry certification examination or an occupational competency examination or being issued a copy of the professional license must be included in the [Application for Virginia License](#) for individuals seeking an initial license with an endorsement in the area of career and technical education. Additional guidance, including a list of Board of Education-approved industry certifications available for teachers, will be provided in a future Superintendent's Memorandum.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding Board of Education-approved industry certification examinations, occupational competency examinations, or professional licenses for endorsements in the area of career and technical education, please contact the Office of Career and Technical Education, via e-mail at cte@doe.virginia.gov or telephone at (804) 225-2051.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding applying for a Virginia license, please contact Dr. Mark R. Allan, director of licensure and school leadership, via e-mail at Mark.Allan@doe.virginia.gov or telephone at (804) 371-2471.

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