



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Amendments to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*

The *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* (8VAC20-22-10 et seq.) have been amended to conform to legislation passed by the 2013 General Assembly. The amended licensure regulations may be accessed at the following Web site: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/licensure_regs.pdf.

In response to Senate Bill 1345 of the 2013 General Assembly, the Virginia Board of Education has amended the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* to require the following:

Any individual licensed and endorsed to teach (i) middle school civics or economics or (ii) high school government or history who is seeking renewal of such license is required to demonstrate knowledge of Virginia history or state and local government by completing a module or professional development course specifically related to Virginia history or state and local government that has a value of five professional development points. This requirement applies for purposes of the individual's next or initial renewal occurring after July 1, 2014.

Successful completion of the Virginia State and Local Civic Education Module located at <http://www.civiceducationva.org> will satisfy this renewal requirement. The module certificate with renewal documentation (five points toward renewal) should be printed to document completion of the tutorial.

[House Bill 2028](#) and [Senate Bill 986](#) of the 2013 General Assembly amended Section [22.1-298.1](#) of the *Code of Virginia*. The *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* also have been revised to include the following statutory requirement:

Every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license shall provide evidence of completion of certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators. The certification or training program shall be based on the current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. The Board shall provide a waiver for this requirement for any person with a disability whose disability prohibits such person from completing the certification or training.

Please reference the "Frequently Asked Questions" document attached to [Superintendent's Memo No. 156-13](#), dated June 7, 2013, for additional information regarding this requirement. The waiver form may be obtained at the following Web address: <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/index.shtml>.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mrs. Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent for teacher education and licensure, by e-mail at Patty.Pitts@doe.virginia.gov or phone at (804) 371-2522 or Dr. Mark Allan, director of teacher licensure and school leadership, by e-mail at Mark.Allan@doe.virginia.gov or by phone at (804) 371-2471.

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