



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3319.229 Career-technical workforce development educator license.

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(A)(1) Notwithstanding the repeal of former section 3319.229 of the Revised Code by S.B. 216 of the 132nd general assembly, the state board of education shall accept applications for new, and for renewal of, professional career-technical teaching licenses through June 30, 2019, and issue them on the basis of the applications received by that date in accordance with the rules described in that former section. Except as otherwise provided in section 3319.2212 of the Revised Code, and divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section, beginning July 1, 2019, the state board shall issue career-technical workforce development educator licenses only under this section.

(2) An individual who, on July 1, 2019, holds a professional career-technical teaching license issued under the rules described in former section 3319.229 of the Revised Code, may continue to renew that license in accordance with those rules for the remainder of the individual's teaching career. However, nothing in this division shall be construed to prohibit the individual from applying to the state board for a career-technical workforce development educator license under this section.

(3) An individual who, on July 1, 2019, holds an alternative resident educator license for teaching career-technical education issued under section 3319.26 of the Revised Code may, upon the expiration of the license, apply for a professional career-technical teaching license issued under the rules described in former section 3319.229 of the Revised Code. Such an individual may continue to renew the professional license in accordance with those rules for the remainder of the individual's teaching career. However, nothing in this division shall be construed to prohibit the individual from applying to the state board for a career-technical workforce development educator license under this section.

(B) Except as provided in division (H) of this section, the state board, in collaboration with the chancellor of higher education, shall adopt rules establishing standards and requirements for obtaining a two-year initial career-technical workforce development educator license and a five-year advanced career-technical workforce development educator license. Each license shall be valid for teaching career-technical education or workforce development programs in grades four through



twelve. The rules shall require applicants for either license to have a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalence as awarded under section 3301.80 of the Revised Code or as recognized as the equivalent of such certificate under division (C) of that section.

(C) Except as provided in division (H) of this section, the state board shall issue an initial career-technical workforce development educator license to an applicant upon request from the applicant or the superintendent of a school district that has agreed to employ the applicant. In making the request, the applicant or superintendent shall provide documentation, in accordance with procedures prescribed by the state board, showing that the applicant has at least five years of work experience, or the equivalent, in the subject area in which the applicant will teach. The license requested by a superintendent shall be valid for teaching only in the requesting district. The applicant or superintendent also shall provide documentation, in accordance with procedures prescribed by the state board, that the applicant is enrolled in a program described in division (D) of this section.

As a condition of continuing to hold the initial career-technical workforce development license, the holder of the license shall be participating in a program described in division (D) of this section.

The state board shall renew an initial career-technical workforce development educator license if the supervisor of the program described in division (D) of this section or the superintendent of the employing school district indicate that the applicant is making sufficient progress in both the program and, if applicable, the teaching position.

(D) An applicant for a license under division (C) of this section shall be enrolled in one of the following:

(1) A in a career-technical workforce development educator preparation program offered by an institution of higher education that has an existing teacher preparatory program in place that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) Is approved by the chancellor of higher education to provide instruction in teaching methods and principles;

(b) Provides classroom support to the license holder;



- (c) Includes at least three semester hours of coursework in the teaching of reading in the subject area;
 - (d) Is aligned with career-technical education and workforce development competencies developed by the department of education and workforce;
 - (e) Uses a summative performance-based assessment developed by the program and aligned to the competencies described in division (D)(1)(d) of this section to evaluate the license holder's knowledge and skills;
 - (f) Consists of not less than twenty-four semester hours of coursework, or the equivalent.
- (2) If the applicant has obtained an offer of employment as a classroom teacher, a modified educator preparation program created by one or more lead districts, as defined in section 3317.023 of the Revised Code. The program shall be aligned with career-technical education and workforce development competencies developed by the department of education and workforce and include both of the following:
- (a) Not less than nine credit hours or three semester hours of coursework in the area to be taught;
 - (b) Not less than forty-five hours of local professional development designed by the employing district.
- (3) If the applicant has obtained an offer of employment as a classroom teacher, a two-year alternative career-technical licensure program under which an employing district provides a mentoring program created by one or more lead districts, as defined in section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, and aligned with career-technical education and workforce development competencies developed by the department, that includes all of the following:
- (a) An assigned mentor who holds a license issued under sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, or who has served in the capacity of an administrator;



(b) A competency based self-assessment developed and approved by the state board of education, in consultation with individuals in the career-technical education field;

(c) A personal learning plan approved by the lead district, or the district's designee;

(d) Participation in a structured mentoring program aligned to the individual's personal learning plan and consisting of ninety clock hours of professional development during the initial two-year license period.

(E) Except as provided in division (H) of this section, the state board shall issue an advanced career-technical workforce development educator license to an applicant who has successfully completed either of the following:

(1) A program described in division (D)(1) of this section, as indicated by the supervisor of the program, and who demonstrates mastery of the applicable career-technical education and workforce development competencies described in division (D)(1)(d) of this section in the teaching position, as indicated by the superintendent of the employing school district;

(2) A program described in division (D)(2) or (3) of this section, as indicated by the supervisor of the program, and has taught under the initial career-technical workforce development educator license for four school years.

(F) The holder of an advanced career-technical workforce development educator license shall work with a local professional development committee established under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code in meeting requirements for renewal of the license.

(G) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3319.226 of the Revised Code, the state board shall not require any applicant for an educator license for substitute teaching who holds a license issued under this section to hold a post-secondary degree in order to be issued a license under section 3319.226 of the Revised Code to work as a substitute teacher for career-technical education classes.

(H) The state board shall issue a license to practice as an initial career-technical workforce development educator or advanced career-technical workforce development educator in accordance



with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

- (1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

- (2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a career-technical workforce development educator in a state that does not issue one or both of those licenses.