

**TITLE 126
LEGISLATIVE RULES
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SERIES 137
ADVANCED SALARY CLASSIFICATIONS FOR HOLDERS
OF THE VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE (5210.1)**

§126-137-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- These legislative rules establish that individuals advancing to a master's plus thirty (30) salary classification by virtue of earning a bachelor's degree must hold the permanent Vocational Certificate. Upon application, any teacher holding a Vocational Certificate and who was under contract for the school year 1986-86 who earned a bachelor's degree by June 30, 1986 shall be eligible for the master's plus thirty (30) salary classification effective July 1, 1986

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §18A-4-4

1.3. Filing Date. -- July 10, 1985

1.4. Effective Date. -- September 10, 1985

§126-137-2. Applicability.

2.1. The West Virginia Board of Education has authorized the issuance of the Vocational Certificate to facilitate the staffing of vocational industrial, technical, occupational home economics and health occupations programs with instructional personnel. Personnel are generally recruited from business and industry and enroll in a program of teacher education after employment.

§126-137-3. Eligibility.

3.1. A Vocational Certificate may be granted providing the applicant has completed a minimum of twenty (20) semester hours of prescribed credit from an approved planned program.

3.2. The West Virginia School Law §18A-4-4 states that the State Board of Education shall establish the minimum salary schedule for teachers where specialized training may be required for vocational, technical and adult education.

3.3. The salary schedule for the Vocational Certificate is that established for a Professional Certificate based on a bachelor's degree, level five (5) on the State Minimum Salary Schedule, unless the certificate is issued on the basis of a person's holding a master's or doctor's degree in which case the appropriate salary schedule would be that for those degrees.

3.4. In order for teachers whose Vocational Certificate is not based on a degree to be eligible for the advanced salary (level six (6) on the State Minimum Salary Schedule), they must have completed the minimum of twenty (20) semester hours of prescribed credit required for the issuance of the certificate, plus an additional fifteen (15) semester hours of approved credit for a total minimum of thirty-five (35) semester hours.

3.5. Persons who hold the Vocational Certificate may complete additional training from an accredited institution of higher education in a State Board of Education approved planned program in Vocational-Technical Education to qualify for an advanced salary level. Upon completion of additional training from a planned program, the advanced salary levels would be as follows:

3.6. Level 7 - means a minimum of fifty (50) semester hours of credit in an approved planned program.

3.7. Level 8 - means a minimum of sixty-five (65) semester hours of credit in an approved planned program.

3.8. Level 9 - means a minimum of eighty (80) semester hours of credit in an approved planned program.

§126-137-4. Effective Date.

4.1. Effective July 1, 1986, those individuals ad-

vancing to a master's plus thirty (30) salary classification by virtue of earning a bachelor's degree must hold the permanent Vocational Certificate. Upon application, any teacher holding a Vocational Certifi-

cate and who was under contract for the school year 1985-86 who earned a bachelor's degree by June 30, 1986 shall be eligible for the master's plus thirty (30) salary classification effective July 1, 1986.