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**NOTICE OF AGENCY ADOPTION OF A PROCEDURAL OR INTERPRETIVE RULE  
OR A LEGISLATIVE RULE EXEMPT FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Education TITLE NUMBER: 126

CITE AUTHORITY: W. Va. Code 18A-3-2 and 18-2B-2

RULE TYPE: PROCEDURAL \_\_\_\_\_ INTERPRETIVE \_\_\_\_\_

EXEMPT LEGISLATIVE RULE X  
CITE STATUTE(S) GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

W.Va. Code 29A-1-3

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES \_\_\_\_\_, NO X

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING ADOPTED: 156 (5106)

TITLE OF RULE BEING ADOPTED: Competency Testing Program for Technical  
and Industrial, Health Occupations, and Occupational Home Economics  
Education Teachers.

THE ABOVE RULE IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE  
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RULE IS September 12, 1988

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TITLE 126  
LEGISLATIVE RULE  
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CHAPTER 18A-3  
SERIES 156 (5106)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Title: Competency Testing Program for Technical and Industrial, Health Occupations, and Occupational Home Economics Education Teachers

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Section 1. General

- 1.1 Scope - These rules establish a competency testing program in basic skills, content specialization, and professional education for persons from business and industry who enter the profession of teaching with a high school diploma or a GED and the appropriate years of verified work experience or a bachelor's degree in a related occupational area and the appropriate years of verified work experience.
- 1.2 Authority - 18A-3-2 and 18-2B-2
- 1.3 Filing Date - July 14, 1988
- 1.4 Effective Date - September 12, 1988

Section 2. Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of this policy is to assure that persons from business and industry who enter the profession of teaching with a high school diploma or GED and the appropriate years of verified work experience or a bachelor's degree and the appropriate years of work experience have the knowledge and skills in writing, reading, and mathematics; content specialization, and professional education to teach in technical and industrial, health occupations, and occupational home economics programs.

Section 3. Basic Skills Requirements

- 3.1 A person to receive a vocational permit or a vocational certificate in technical and industrial, health occupations, and occupational home economics shall be administered a basic skills test in writing, reading, and mathematics. The test shall be the California Achievement Test, published by McGraw-Hill. The test scores for a person to receive a vocational permit or vocational certificate shall be:

Test	Score for Issuance of the Permit	Score for Issuance of the Vocational Certificate
1) Writing	749	760
2) Reading	765	774
3) Mathematics	768	780

3.2 Persons who are issued a permit based on the "Score for Issuance of the Permit" shall, by March 1 of the year eligible for the Vocational Certificate, obtain the "Score for Issuance of the Vocational Certificate."

#### Section 4. Content Specialization Requirements

4.1 By March 1 of the year a person is eligible for the second permit, a person shall pass a content specialization examination. Where certification or licensure is available through a national or state board examination, passage of this examination shall be required and the person shall hold the appropriate license or certificate. This certification or licensure shall be in lieu of the test from the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) or other content specialization tests. Otherwise, technical and industrial, health occupations, and occupational home economics teachers shall be administered a written and performance test from NOCTI in the area of specialization. The minimum score for passing the NOCTI tests shall be 1/2 of a standard deviation below the mean plus the standard error of measurement.

4.2 If a NOCTI test or a national or state board certificate or license is not available, content specialization tests shall be developed or obtained from other sources.

#### Section 5. Professional Education Requirements

5.1 The professional education performance assessment required under West Virginia Board of Education Policy 5100 shall be administered by the Department of Vocational-Technical Education, West Virginia Institute of Technology, Montgomery, West Virginia. Each teacher on a vocational permit shall be rated by the teacher educator and the local supervisor by the end of the third year of teaching. The teacher shall meet the minimum standards as prescribed in Policy 5100.

5.1 Applicants for a teaching position who hold a valid license or certificate shall meet the minimum standards on the Professional Education Performance Assessment under Policy 5100.

Section 6. Exceptions

- 6.1 Persons entering the teaching profession who have taken and scored the minimum on a content specialization examination for licensure or certification by a recognized licensing or certifying board shall not be required to participate in the content specialization testing program, provided they hold a valid license or certificate issued by the appropriate board.
- 6.2 Persons who hold a professional teaching certificate from a recognized college or university and are qualifying for a vocational certificate with the appropriate years of verified work experience and who meet the basic skills requirements of Policy 5100 shall not be required to take the basic skills test.

Section 7. Administration

- 7.1 The competency testing program shall be administered by the Department of Vocational-Technical Education, West Virginia Institute of Technology, Montgomery, West Virginia, in cooperation with the West Virginia Department of Education, Bureau of Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education, Charleston, West Virginia.
- 7.2 Where content specialization tests are available through national or state licensing and certifying boards and the license or certificate is valid, the license or certificate shall be recognized in lieu of tests administered by NOCTI. These national and state certifying and licensing boards shall be approved by the West Virginia Board of Education.