



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3319.228 Issuance of license to those licensed in other states; list of states with inadequate licensure standards.

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(A) This section applies only to a person who meets the following conditions:

- (1) Holds a minimum of a baccalaureate degree;
- (2) Has been licensed and employed as a teacher in another state for each of the preceding five years;
- (3) Was initially licensed as a teacher in any state within the preceding fifteen years;
- (4) Has not had a teacher's license suspended or revoked in any state.

(B)(1) Not later than July 1, 2012, the superintendent of public instruction shall develop a list of states that the superintendent considers to have standards for teacher licensure that are inadequate to ensure that a person to whom this section applies and who was most recently licensed to teach in that state is qualified for a professional educator license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(2) Following development of the list, the superintendent shall establish a panel of experts to evaluate the adequacy of the teacher licensure standards of each state on the list. Each person selected by the superintendent to be a member of the panel shall be approved by the state board of education. In evaluating the superintendent's list, the panel shall provide an opportunity for representatives of the department of education, or similar state-level agency, of each state on the list to provide evidence to refute the state's placement on the list.

Not later than April 1, 2013, the panel shall recommend to the state board that the list be approved without changes or that specified states be removed from the list prior to approval. Not later than July 1, 2013, the state board shall approve a final list of states with standards for teacher licensure



that are inadequate to ensure that a person to whom this section applies and who was most recently licensed to teach in that state is qualified for a professional educator license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(1) of this section, until the date on which the state board approves a final list of states with inadequate teacher licensure standards under division (B)(2) of this section, the state board shall issue a one-year provisional educator license to any applicant to whom this section applies. On and after that date, neither the state board nor the department of education and workforce shall be party to any reciprocity agreement with a state on that list that requires the state board to issue a person to whom this section applies any type of professional educator license on the basis of the person's licensure and teaching experience in that state.

(D) Upon the expiration of a provisional license issued to a person under division (C) of this section, the state board shall issue the person a professional educator license, if the person satisfies either of the following conditions:

(1) The person was issued the provisional license prior to the development of the list by the state superintendent under division (B)(1) of this section and, prior to issuance of the provisional license, the person was most recently licensed to teach by a state not on the superintendent's list or, if the final list of states with inadequate teacher licensure standards has been approved by the state board under division (B)(2) of this section, by a state not on that list.

(2) All of the following apply to the person:

(a) Prior to obtaining the provisional license, the person was most recently licensed to teach by a state on the superintendent's list or, if the final list of states with inadequate teacher licensure standards has been approved by the state board under division (B)(2) of this section, by a state on that list.

(b) The person was employed under the provisional license by a school district; community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code; science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code; or an entity contracted by such a district or school to provide internet- or computer-based instruction or distance learning



programs to students.

(c) The district or school certifies to the state board that the person's teaching was satisfactory while employed or contracted by the district or school.

(E)(1) From July 1, 2012, until the date on which the state board approves a final list of states with inadequate teacher licensure standards under division (B)(2) of this section, the state board shall issue a professional educator license to any applicant to whom this section applies and who was most recently licensed to teach by a state that is not on the list developed by the state superintendent under division (B)(1) of this section.

(2) Beginning on the date on which the state board approves a final list of states with inadequate teacher licensure standards under division (B)(2) of this section, the state board shall issue a professional educator license to any applicant to whom this section applies and who was most recently licensed to teach by a state that is not on that list.