



## Changes to the Pathway to Standard Certification For CEAS Holders<sup>1</sup>

### Background

On November 4, 2015, the State Board of Education adopted updates to a range of teacher preparation and certification requirements. Some of the updates proposed affect how Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) holders will advance toward earning a standard certificate.

### Changes Effective for 2015-16

The following table summarizes major changes that are in effect for the 2015-16 school year (SY 2015-16). Please note:

- **Candidates who started teaching under a provisional certificate prior to the SY 2015-16 will have until July 31, 2017, to complete the standard certification requirements in effect at the time they were hired (see Column A). After July 31, 2017, such candidates must complete the new standard certification requirements (see Column B).**
- **Any candidate who starts teaching for the first time under a provisional certificate in or after SY 2015-16 must meet the new standard certification requirements (see Column B).**

COLUMN A Previous Requirements	COLUMN B New Requirements Effective as of SY 2015-16
<b><i>Minimum Provisional Teaching Period Before Eligible for Standard Certificate</i></b>	
At least 1 full school year	At least 2 full school years
<b><i>Mentoring</i></b>	
Complete 1 full school year	Complete 1 full school year <i>(no change)</i>
<b><i>Earning the Standard Certificate</i></b>	
All candidates must be evaluated and recommended by building principal based on one year of observations	All candidates must be evaluated by building principal based on AchieveNJ evaluation system: candidate must earn evaluation ratings of Effective or Highly Effective within 2 of 3 consecutive years

The chart on the following page provides a list of all requirements for initial, provisional, and standard certification based upon the year a candidate starts teaching with a CEAS and the year the change becomes effective.

### For More Information

- Visit the [Certification website](#) and view the [Overview of CEAS Changes](#).
- View the [broadcast memo](#) explaining the rationale for the new requirements.

<sup>1</sup> This document provides an overview of requirements for certification. For all official matters, such as issues brought before the Board of Examiners, concerned parties should rely on regulatory requirements at N.J.A.C. 6A:9, 9A, 9B, and 9C as the final authority.

