



# Minnesota Board of Teaching

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

### Possible Amendment to Rules Governing Issuance, Renewal and Validity of Teaching Licenses Minnesota Rules, 8710.0300-8710.0500; Revisor's ID Number 4369

**Subject of Rules.** The Minnesota Board of Teaching requests comments on its possible amendments to rules governing the issuance, renewal and validity of teaching licenses. The Board of Teaching is considering rule amendments that permit applicants to demonstrate their qualifications for teaching licensure through recognition of a teaching license from another state in a similar licensure area, completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program, and teaching experience as the teacher of record in a similar licensure field, as well as amendments to provide additional clarification to the existing rules pertaining to all licensing requirements.

**Persons Affected.** The amendments to the rules would likely affect all applicants for teaching licensure in the state of Minnesota and specifically those who have trained to become licensed teachers in other states.

**Statutory Authority.** *Minnesota Statutes* 122A.09 subdivision 9, authorizes the Board to adopt rules subject to the provisions of chapter 14 to implement sections 122A.05 to 122A.09, 122A.16, 122A.17, 122A.18, 122A.20, 122A.21, and 122A.23.

**Public Comment.** Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until 4:30 p.m. on January 1, 2016. The Board will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. The Board plans to consult its standing Standards and Rules advisory committee to comment on the possible amendments to rules and in addition will provide opportunities for public comment at monthly Board meetings, held on the second Friday of each month.

**Rules Drafts.** The Board has not yet finalized a draft of the possible rule amendments at the time of this publication but does anticipate that a draft of the rule amendments will be available before the publication of the proposed rules.

**Agency Contact Person.** Written comments, questions requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Erin Doan, Executive Director at Minnesota Board of Teaching, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113, 651-582-8888, and [board.teaching@state.mn.us](mailto:board.teaching@state.mn.us).

**Alternative Format.** Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

**NOTE:** Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: October 27, 2015

Erin Doan, Executive Director, MN Board of Teaching