

Memorandum

Date: October 10, 2025
To: Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board
From: Lakes Country Service Cooperative
RE: Board Resolution – CTE - REPORT

Background:

MN Rule 8710.0312 Subp. 2 A (3) states Career and Technical Education (CTE) applicants are able to obtain a tiered license using the BA exemption if they verify they have:

- five years of relevant work experience aligned to the assignment;
- (b) an associate's degree aligned to the assignment; or
- (c) a professional certification aligned to the assignment from an approved certifying organization.

Candidates enrolling in MN approved CTE programs for licensure, often will enroll in multiple CTE licensure fields. Upon enrollment, the candidate just needs to verify they meet the BA exemption in one of the licensure areas or (aligned to the assignment). Upon completion of the licensure program, candidates will have the content expertise for all enrolled licensure areas completed.

For licensure purposes, PELSB needs to verify the applicant meets the BA exemption aligned to the assignment for each CTE field applied for. This makes sense for our Tier 1 applicants; however, it is preventing some of our Tier 2 applicants to obtain licensure based on their enrollment in a MN approved program as PELSB is unable to verify they meet the BA exemption in each of the licensure areas they are applying for.

Summary:

Candidates who enroll in a MN approved CTE licensure program for multiple CTE licensure fields and demonstrate they meet the BA exemption in at least one of those fields, should be able to obtain a Tier 2 license in each of the fields enrolled if needed. The proposed Board resolution would waive the language “aligned to the assignment” from MN Rule 8710.0312 Subp. 2 A (3) for applicants applying for a Tier 2 license in a CTE field and verify they are enrolled in a MN approved CTE licensure program.

Options:

This is a report. No action is needed.