

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
CHAPTER THIRTY-NINE: RULES FOR
LICENSURE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PERSONNEL
STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES 5 MCAR §§ 1.0782, 1.0786, 1.0791
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION LICENSES
FOR ADULT SUPPLEMENTARY TEACHERS

INTRODUCTION

Public vocational education is delivered through area vocational-technical institutes, centers and school districts. One category of vocational education is adult extension programs which are directed at adults for the purpose of training, retraining and upgrading. Adult extension programs are part-time in nature, sponsored by public vocational education institutions and not necessarily limited to campus locations. Course length is determined by the objective to be accomplished. For example, some courses are very specific and short term in nature and some courses include a series of topics that are addressed in sequence over a 2-3 year period.

Generally, persons who teach adult vocational education courses must be licensed for that activity as a prerequisite to teaching. An adult supplementary license permits an individual, whose occupation is not primarily teaching, to teach up to 500 hours a year. This license enables adult vocational education to respond quickly to the training requests of Minnesota business and industry because it allows utilization of the outside expertise of those employed in the field to be used in short-term adult vocational classes.

The Board's statutory authority to promulgate the proposed rules is contained in Minnesota Statutes §§ 125.185, subd. 4 and 121.11, subd. 12.

RULE AMENDMENTS

5 MCAR § 1.0791 - Adult Vocational Instructional Personnel

The primary purpose of these amendments is to increase the term of the initial entrance adult supplementary license from two years to five years and to increase the term of the renewed adult supplementary license from three years to five years. Thus, the major revision is to 5 MCAR § 1.0791.

Subsection A. and B. No change.

Subsection C.3.b., regarding adult supplementary license validity, contains the amendment expanding the terms of the initial entrance and the renewed adult supplementary licenses to five years. This amendment is needed because it provides for initial entrance and renewed adult supplementary licenses to be valid for a five-year period for individuals who are not otherwise teachers, but who are knowledgeable in technical fields. The amendment

is reasonable because: 1) It provides the flexibility needed to license persons with special expertise. 2) It reduces the state administrative burden and still retains the assurance of qualified teachers. 3) Due to the limited number of hours these licenses permit a person to teach, it makes the license fee for adult supplementary instructors more equitable in comparison to full-time teachers in terms of the anticipated earnings from teaching.

5 MCAR § 1.0782 B.1.b.

The amendment to 5 MCAR § 1.0791 C.3.b. creates the first five-year entrance license available for vocational education teachers. As a result 5 MCAR § 1.0782 B.1.b., which addresses all initial entrance vocational licenses, has been amended to recognize the five-year initial entrance adult supplementary license. This amendment is needed and reasonable because it provides for conformity between these two rules.

5 MCAR § 1.0782 B.4.c. and 5 MCAR § 1.0786 E.

The amendment to 5 MCAR § 1.0791 C.3.b. is intended to increase the terms of the adult supplementary licenses and is not intended to add continuing education requirement to such licenses. The amendments to 5 MCAR §§ 1.0782 and 1.0786 are needed to alert local administrators and teachers to the fact that these sections do not apply to an adult supplementary license. The amendments are reasonable because a renewed regular five-year vocational license as identified in 5 MCAR § 1.0782 B.4. and 5 MCAR § 1.0786 intends to refer only to those teachers licensed to teach full-time. Prior to the amendment to 5 MCAR § 1.0791 C.3.b., allowing part-time adult supplementary teachers a five-year entrance license, Subsection 1.0782 B.4.c. and Section 1.0786 were not subject to an interpretation which would include part-time adult supplementary teachers.

REPEALER

5 MCAR § 1.0791 C.3.c. is repealed because it will be replaced by these new rules. When the new 5 MCAR § 1.0791 C.3.b. becomes effective, the old provision will serve no purpose.