**Section 25.72 Endorsement for Provisional Career and Technical Educator (Grades 5-12)**

The requirements of this Section apply to individuals seeking an educator license with stipulations endorsed for provisional career and technical educator (ELS-CTEP) pursuant to Section 21B-20(2)(F) of the Code.

a) Each applicant for an educator license with stipulations endorsed for provisional career and technical educator shall present evidence of having completed 8,000 hours of work experience in the skill area for which the applicant is seeking employment. (See Section 21B-20(2)(F).) The required evidence of this work experience shall be written statements from former supervisors who can be reached for verification or, in cases in which supervisors are no longer available to verify the individual's employment, affidavits by the applicant describing the work experience.

b) At the time application is made for the ELS-CTEP, the school district that will employ the individual requesting the license shall verify, in writing, to the State Superintendent that:

1) the district is unable to find a qualified individual holding a PEL endorsed for the skill area of instruction or an ELS-CTE in the skill area of instruction; and

2) the current circumstances existing in the district require the employment of an individual licensed in the skill area of instruction.

c) The ELS-CTEP is valid *until June 30 immediately following five years after the endorsement was issued*. (Section 21B-20(2)(F) of the Code)

d) In accordance with Section 21B-20(2)(F) of the Code, the ELS-CTEP shall be renewed for a five-year period provided that the individual seeking the renewal has paid the fee required under Section 21B-40 of the Code to register the license.

e) Subsequent endorsements in career and technical education areas may be added to an issued ELS-CTEP or educator license with stipulations endorsed for part-time career and technical educator (ELS-PCTE) by providing evidence of 1,000 hours of work experience in the new endorsement area sought.

f) An applicant may use educational experience hours toward hours of work experience only if the applicant was delivering the instruction and was not a recipient of the instruction.

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