December 17, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: County and City Superintendents of Education
    Deans of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice
      State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Certificate Reciprocity Updates for Teacher Certification

In my memorandum to you of October 8, 2014, I advised that we would be working to revise the educator testing policy to provide alternate ways to document content knowledge for individuals who apply for Alabama certification based on holding a valid professional educator certificate from another state in an area for which Alabama offers comparable certification. The revisions have been completed. There will now be three options to document content knowledge:

Option 1: Meet the current requirements of the Alabama prescribed Praxis II tests.

Option 2: Verify a valid professional educator certificate in another state and that the state’s content knowledge test was passed for issuance of that professional educator certificate.

Option 3: Verify a valid professional educator certificate in another state and appropriate professional educational work experience in that state.

There will also be a new option to obtain highly qualified teacher status.

All inclusive information about these new options may be found on the current application forms. Please visit www.alsde.edu/CertificationForms and click on the folder entitled Certificate Reciprocity Approach for current requirements and application forms regarding that approach to certification. You may visit the same link and click on the folder entitled Highly Qualified Teacher Status for the application form pertaining to the new highly qualified teacher option.

If you have questions, please contact the teacher certification specialist assigned to your school system.

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