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4 AAC 12.305(a)(4) is amended to read:

(4) meets the certification requirements of [AS 14.20.015,] 14.20.017, 14.20.020, or 14.20.022;

4 AAC 12.305(d) is amended to read:

(d) An initial teacher certificate is valid for three years, or for the period set in [AS 14.20.015,] 14.20.017, 14.20.020(h), or 14.20.022 if the initial teacher certificate is issued under one of those provisions. However, if the certificate holder received initial certification for less than three years in [AS 14.20.015,] 14.20.020(h), or 14.20.022, complies with the requirements of [AS 14.20.015,] 14.20.017, 14.20.020(h), or 14.20.022, and meets the requirements of (a) of this section, the department will consider the initial teacher certificate valid for three years after the date of the certificate.

4 AAC 12.305 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(k) The department will prioritize the processing of a complete application from an applicant who applies for a professional certificate under AS 14.20.015 and is the spouse of an active member of the armed forces of the United States. A complete application must include evidence that the applicant is married to a member of the armed forces of the United States who is on active duty and assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders.

(l) The department will issue a professional teacher certificate to an applicant who

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(1) meets the requirements of AS 14.20.015;

(2) had at least two years of employment as a teacher while holding a valid, regular teacher certificate issued by another state or other jurisdiction;

(3) has met or will meet the requirements of AS 14.20.020(h), within two years after the teacher certificate was issued; and

(4) has met or will meet the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a) within 90 days after the teacher certificate was issued.

(m) A professional certificate issued under subsection (l) will be valid for

(1) 90 days if the training requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a) have not been satisfied.

(2) two years if the education requirements of AS 14.20.020(h) have not been satisfied; and

(3) five years if both the training requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a) and the education requirements of AS 14.20.020(h) are satisfied.

(n) A professional certificate valid for five years and issued under subsection (l) will be renewable under 4 AAC 12.405. (Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 9/30/2005, Register 175; am 8/15/2008, Register 187; am 10/31/2008, Register 188; am 9/17/2011, Register 199; am 9/7/2012, Register 203; am 6/27/2014, Register 210; am 4/24/2016, Register 218; am 2/5/2017, Register 221; am __/__/__, Register _____)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 **AS 14.20.015** AS 14.20.020

4 AAC 12.900(c) is amended to read:

(c) As used in AS 14.20 and this chapter, **unless the context requires otherwise,**

(1) “teacher” [(1)] means

(A) a person who, for compensation instructs or teaches students in any grade from preschool – 12th grade, and who is not supervised by another person in the same room, classroom, or other location;

(B) [(2)] includes

(i) [(A)] an administrator who supervises a teacher or an educational program provided by a teacher;

(ii) [(B)] a provider of special education and related services who is not regularly supervised by another person in the same room, classroom, or other location; and

(iii) [(C)] a school counselor, nurse, or psychologist; and

(C) [(3)] does not include

(i) [(A)] a student teacher authorized under 4 AAC 30.020;

(ii) [(B)] a volunteer not working for compensation; or

(iii) [(C)] an administrator, such as a business manager, who does not supervise students or teachers.

(2) “regular teacher certificate” means a renewable teaching license issued by the state or by another state or jurisdiction that requires at least a bachelor’s degree and the completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program including a student teaching or clinical experience. A regular teacher certificate does not include a restricted, limited, probationary, provisional, emergency, substitute, student teaching or temporary

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license. (Eff. 5/30/71, Register 38; am 10/4/73, Register 47; am 8/12/82, Register 83; am 6/9/85, Register 94; am 4/9/87, Register 102; am 7/1/90, Register 114; am 8/8/91, Register 119; am 7/2/93, Register 126; am 6/9/95, Register 134; am 4/4/96, Register 138; am 6/28/98, Register 146; am 3/31/2002, Register 161; am 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 10/21/2007, Register 184; am 4/24/2016, Register 218; am __/__/__, Register _____)

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