



ARM Chapter 57 Educator Licensure Outline of Recommended Changes

In 2022, the Board of Public Education conducted a comprehensive review of the entire Chapter 57 of Administrative Rule, Educator Licensure, which convenes every 5 years as required by ARM 10.57.101. The new rules were effective as of May 28, 2022. In administering the new rules over the last year, the OPI Educator Licensure Unit has identified recommended minor revisions and potential areas to increase licensure reciprocity and flexibility. Additionally, new legislation from the 2023 session, specifically [SB 373](#) (alternative teaching credential) and [HB 458](#) (career coaches) require a review of definitions and Class 4: CTE license endorsements.

Specific revisions that may increase licensure reciprocity and flexibility include:

- Adding a pathway for candidates in the process of earning a bachelor's degree to obtain a Class 5: Provisional license.
- Expanding licensure eligibility for candidates with an "alternative teaching credential" that aligns to SB 373.

Rule	Discussion of Revision
10.57.102(5)	Update the definition, "Approved preparation program" to reflect the two current educator preparation programs accreditors: the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP).
10.57.102(14)	Update the definition, by substituting the term "regionally accredited" with "institutional accreditors" to reflect language changes from the U.S. Department of Education. Regional accreditors used to be limited to schools in specific regions but USED eliminated geographical boundaries for regional accreditors in 2020.
10.57.102(17)	Revise the definition for "unrestricted license" to include lifetime licenses.
10.57.102	Include a new definition for "alternative teaching credential," that aligns to SB 373 .
10.57.114	Specify the authorized signature required for Internships.
10.57.215(4)	Simplify the acceptance of professional development units from out-of-state professional development unit providers.
10.57.410	Expand licensure eligibility for candidates with an "alternative teaching credential" that aligns to SB 373 .
10.57.410(3)(a)	Expand eligibility for applicants with have earned a graduate degree from an accredited college or university but do not hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
10.57.412 10.57.425	Expand eligibility for applicants with middle school endorsements (4-8) to apply for K-8 and/or 5-12 content-specific endorsements.

10.57.414 10.57.415	Ensure the language of 10.57.414(c) and 10.57.415(d) for professional development requirements of principal's and superintendent's endorsements is similar.
10.57.414(1)(a) 10.57.415(1)(b)	Specify for a Class 3 Administrative License which education graduate degrees are accepted.
10.57.420	Add a pathway for candidates in the process of earning a bachelor's degree to obtain a Class 5 Provisional license.
10.57.420 10.57.421	Provide a licensure option for career coaches that aligns with HB 458 .
10.57.421(1)	Add an endorsement for traffic education for a Class 4: CTE license to the list.
10.57.424(4)	Allow the time frame for a Class 5 Provisional License to be extended based on evidence of extreme hardship similar to ARM 10.57.114(5) .
10.57.432	Remove the requirement, to be within four courses of completing a program, for a school counselor provisional license.
10.57.434	Streamline the requirements for a School Psychologist Endorsement for a Class 6 Specialist License.
10.57.437	Update the rule for a Class 8 Dual Credit Postsecondary Faculty License to reflect the removal of the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council (CSPAC).
New	Specify foreign credential eligibility requirements.

**TIMELINE - PROPOSED
CHAPTER 57 RULES**

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