



COMMISSIONER'S GUIDANCE
Rule 21, Content Test Flexibility for

Out-of-State Applicants

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Commissioner's Guidance on Content Test Flexibility OOS Applicants: Rule 21

Subject: Rule 21
Topic Summary: Content Test Flexibility for Out-of-State Applicants
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The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) recognizes that out-of-state applicants with teaching or administrative experience in another state may have taken a content test to become certified as a teacher or administrator that does not match the test required in Nebraska. It is further recognized that experience in teaching a specific content area or practicing as an administrator while holding a comparable and equivalent certificate can be an adequate demonstration of content knowledge.

Therefore, a content test will not be required for applicants who qualify for an endorsement in Nebraska and taught or administered in the earned endorsed area for two years or more in another state while holding a comparable and equivalent certificate.