

# NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION EDUCATOR PREPARATION NEWSLETTER

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The Office of Higher Education (OHE) newsletter describes the current and upcoming activities related to higher education, with a particular focus on the preparation of educators. This newsletter, past newsletters, and a subscription link are available online on the [OHE website](#).

## BOARD OF REGENTS MAY ITEMS

**Emergency COVID-19 Certificate.** The Board of Regents [adopted an emergency measure](#) to extend the validity period of the Emergency COVID-19 certificate from one year to two years in response to limited test center availability for certification exams during the pandemic. Individuals who currently hold an emergency certificate will automatically have one year added to their certificate's expiration date in TEACH in the near future. They do not need to take any action to have the expiration date extended. Emergency certificates issued in the future will be valid for two years. There is no longer an option for an Emergency COVID-19 certificate renewal due to the extension of the certificate's validity period.

certificate application deadline is **September 1, 2021**. Information about the emergency certificate, including the certification requirements, is available on the [Emergency COVID-19 certificate webpage](#).

**edTPA Passing Scores.** At its January 2020 meeting, the Board of Regents decided to freeze the edTPA passing scores recommended by a standard setting panel at the 2018-2019 levels and extend them from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. The Department [presented an update](#) on the edTPA passing scores, including the plan to extend the edTPA passing scores from December 31, 2021 through December 31, 2022. The extension overlaps with the [edTPA safety net](#) that was created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and holds candidates harmless who choose to complete the edTPA while schools respond to the effects of the pandemic.

The following chart shows the updated New York State edTPA passing scores through December 31, 2022.

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			January 1, 2023 and later
Elementary Education	49	46	TBD
World Languages, Classical Languages	35	32	TBD
All Other Fields	41	38	

o # " - - At its May 2017 meeting, the Board of Regents established new Initial and Professional School Counselor certificates and the registration requirements for school counselor programs that lead to the new Initial and Professional School Counselor certificates. The Initial and Professional School Counselor certificates will be first issued on February 2, 2023. The Department [p](#)

**Recruiting Educators for Test Development Committees.** The Department is seeking educators to participate in the following committees that will meet in 2021. Higher education professionals, including both higher education educator preparation faculty and higher education faculty who have content expertise, are encouraged to apply for the committees by visiting the [Educator](#)