

MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of
School Authorities
Director, Provincial Schools Branch

FROM: Paul Anthony
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SUBJECT: **Supplementary Information on Assignment of Teachers
with Technological Education Qualifications**

This memorandum supplements the memorandum of May 20, 2009 from Deputy Minister, Ben Levin, to school boards with respect to the assignment of teachers with technological education qualifications to teaching positions in Ontario schools.

Cooperative Education Courses

Cooperative education courses are unique in that they focus on content that relates to courses in both the general studies curriculum and the technological education curriculum.

Teachers with either technological education qualifications or general studies qualifications who hold an additional qualification in cooperative education may be assigned to teach cooperative education courses related to any course in the Ontario curriculum, including locally developed courses.

In addition, both teachers with general studies and teachers with technological education qualifications who do not hold an additional qualification in cooperative education may be assigned to teach cooperative education courses by mutual agreement of the teacher, the school principal and the appropriate supervisory officer, and with due regard for the safety and welfare of students and provision of the best possible program.

Please note that while cooperative education courses can be taught by teachers with either general studies or technological education qualifications, the related curriculum course, if general studies, must be taught by a teacher with general studies qualifications and, if technological education, must be taught by a teacher with technological education qualifications; that is, unless the school board applies for, and is granted, a Temporary Letter of Approval for the teacher.

Special Education

Teachers with technological education qualifications and teachers with general studies qualifications may obtain additional qualification(s) in Special Education in order to enhance their delivery of the curriculum in their classrooms.

Teachers with technological education qualifications may only be assigned to teach Special Education courses if the school board applies for, and is granted, a Temporary Letter of Approval for the teacher.

We hope that this provides you with the information required to proceed appropriately with staffing in your schools for the coming school year.

Original signed by

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