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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education, District School Boards  
Supervisory Officers/Secretary Treasurers, School Authorities  
Director, Provincial Schools Branch

**FROM:** Paul Anthony  
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**DATE:** May 5, 2010

**SUBJECT:** **Teleconferences on Proposed Amendments to the Teachers' Qualifications Regulation, Amendments to O. Regulation 298, and the Granting of Temporary Letters of Approval by the Ministry of Education**

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The purpose of this memo is to request that representatives from your school board participate in one of the upcoming teleconferences on the proposed amendments to the Teachers' Qualifications Regulation (currently O. Regulation 184/97), under the *Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996*, and the teacher assignment provisions in O. Regulation 298 (Operation of Schools – General), under the *Education Act*. The proposed amendments would reflect a shift of responsibility for granting Temporary Letters of Approval (TLAs) from the Ontario College of Teachers (the College) to the Ministry of Education.

The proposed amendments to the Teachers' Qualifications Regulation, to streamline certification and remove barriers for teachers, were approved by the College's governing Council this past March.

The proposed amendments to the teacher assignment provisions in O. Regulation 298 have been developed through consultations with education stakeholders, including the teachers' federations, principals' associations, supervisory officers, and the College. The key objective is reducing barriers to labour mobility, as required under the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT), while modernizing and clarifying the rules for teacher assignments.

The regulatory provisions regarding TLAs would be moved from the Teachers' Qualifications Regulation to O. Regulation 298. The ministry's proposed approach for granting TLAs remains similar to the process that the College has had in place. The Ministry is planning to release a Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) with more detailed information on the TLA application process and the new TLA application form.

It is anticipated that the proposed amendments would come into effect shortly. The most immediate change after the effective date would be the requirement that school boards submit the new TLA application form to their regional office according to the requirements set out in the amended O. Regulation 298 and the PPM. The Ministry will notify boards when O. Regulation 298 amendments are filed and come in to effect.

## Regional Teleconferences

Regional teleconferences will be held (see schedule below) to provide an overview of the proposed regulatory amendments and application process for TLAs. For all of the regional teleconferences, participants should call 1-866-355-2663 (or 416-212-0400 if calling from the greater Toronto area) and enter the conference entry code 17180#.

Region	Date	Time	Contact
Barrie	May 14, 2010	9:30 – 10:30 am	Robert Stones - <a href="mailto:Robert.Stones@ontario.ca">Robert.Stones@ontario.ca</a>
London	May 18, 2010	2:15 – 3:15 pm	Rebecca Menzies – <a href="mailto:Rebecca.Menzies@ontario.ca">Rebecca.Menzies@ontario.ca</a>
North Bay/ Sudbury	May 18, 2010	3:30 – 4:30 pm	Robert Mayer – <a href="mailto:Robert.Mayer@ontario.ca">Robert.Mayer@ontario.ca</a> Fernand Crépeau – <a href="mailto:Fernand.Crepeau@ontario.ca">Fernand.Crepeau@ontario.ca</a>
Ottawa	May 14, 2010	1:30 – 2:30 pm	Sylvie Riddell-Carter - <a href="mailto:Sylvie.Riddell-Carter@ontario.ca">Sylvie.Riddell-Carter@ontario.ca</a>
Thunder Bay	May 17, 2010	3:30 – 4:30 pm	Susan Aris – <a href="mailto:Susan.Aris@ontario.ca">Susan.Aris@ontario.ca</a>
Toronto and Area	May 17, 2010	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Jack Nigro – <a href="mailto:Jack.Nigro@ontario.ca">Jack.Nigro@ontario.ca</a> Nancy Gilbert – <a href="mailto:Nancy.Gilbert@ontario.ca">Nancy.Gilbert@ontario.ca</a>
French Language	May 17, 2010	2:15 – 3:15 pm	<b>Ottawa:</b> Sylvie Riddell-Carter - <a href="mailto:Sylvie.Riddell-Carter@ontario.ca">Sylvie.Riddell-Carter@ontario.ca</a> <b>North Bay/Sudbury:</b> Robert Mayer – <a href="mailto:Robert.Mayer@ontario.ca">Robert.Mayer@ontario.ca</a> Fernand Crépeau – <a href="mailto:Fernand.Crepeau@ontario.ca">Fernand.Crepeau@ontario.ca</a> <b>Toronto and Area:</b> Nancy Gilbert – <a href="mailto:Nancy.Gilbert@ontario.ca">Nancy.Gilbert@ontario.ca</a>

We ask that your board notify the ministry contact for your region (listed in the chart above) via email who from your board will be participating and who will be the spokesperson from your board. We recommend that participant(s) include an individual who is involved in teacher assignments and the submission of TLA applications by your board.

The intent is that these teleconferences will facilitate your board's change to the new TLA application process and provide information on the other regulatory amendments.

If you have any questions, please contact the ministry regional office in your area.

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cc. Executive Assistants to Directors of Education  
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