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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 29, 2020

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors

**FROM:** Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *V. Keesler*  
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

**SUBJECT:** Michigan Administrative Rules for Educator Certification Waivers Due to  
COVID-19 Pandemic – MEMO #COVID-19-079

In accordance with [Executive Order 2020-142](#), Section 6-Implementation (k), any waiver issued by the state superintendent under Part VII of Executive Order 2020-65 continues in effect through the end of the fiscal year unless otherwise rescinded by the state superintendent.

As such, these waivers remain in effect through September 30, 2020:

1. R 390.1145(8), R 380.116(3)(a)(i): Under a waiver hereby approved, observation and evaluation requirements are not required for the renewal of expert substitute permits and school administrator permits. ([Memo #COVID-19-060](#))
2. R 390.1125(3), R 390.1130(2)(b): Under a waiver hereby approved, candidates may be issued a teaching certificate without completion of a first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation course if all other requirements are met. ([Memo #COVID-19-040](#))
3. R 390.1130(2)(c), R 380.205(2)(b): Under a waiver hereby approved, candidates for certification may be issued a temporary certificate without passage of the Michigan Tests for Teacher Certification if all other requirements are met. ([Memo #COVID-19-040](#))

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4. R 380.205(2)(b), R 390.1130(7): Under a waiver hereby approved, out-of-state candidates may be issued a temporary certificate without holding an out-of-state teaching certificate if all other requirements are met. ([Memo #COVID-19-040](#))

These waivers were implemented and have now expired:

1. R 390.1143(2)(b), R 390.1143(2)(e): Under a waiver hereby approved, for the 2019-2020 school year, educators using daily substitute permits and daily permit extensions for placement in an assignment on April 21, 2020, were not subject to the 90-day limitation and could remain in that assignment until the end of the 2019-2020 academic year. ([Memo #COVID-19-040](#))
2. R 380.1123(1)(b)(i): Under a waiver hereby approved, educator preparation programs could reduce the 12 weeks of student teaching required for the 2019-2020 school year if the candidate demonstrated competence. ([Memo #COVID-19-013](#))
3. R 380.109(1), 380.206(7), R 390.1129b(2), R 390.1133(1)(d), R 390.1135(1), R 390.1138(1)(b), R 390.1163(5), R 390.1164a(1)(c), R 390.1164a(4): Under a waiver hereby approved, all educators with a certificate expiration date of June 30, 2020, required 120 hours of professional learning. ([Memo #COVID-19-027](#))
4. R 390.1305(3): Under a waiver hereby approved, all school counselors with a certificate or license with an expiration date of June 30, 2020, required 100 hours of professional learning. ([Memo #COVID-19-028](#))
5. R 390.1130(6-7): Under a waiver hereby approved, temporary certificates issued between January 1, 2019 and April 1, 2020 were extended by one year. ([Memo #COVID-19-040](#))
6. R 390.1138(1)(c), R 390.1138(3), R 390.1142(d)(i), R 390.1142(3)(d): Under a waiver hereby approved, observation and evaluation requirements for the 2019-2020 school year were not required for the renewal of certain teaching certificates if all other requirements were met. ([Memo #COVID-19-076](#))

Questions pertaining to these waivers can be directed to the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Educator Excellence at [MDE-EducatorHelp@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-EducatorHelp@Michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
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