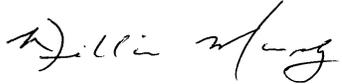




**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** William P. Murphy 

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Amendment of Section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Creation of a Safety Net for the Business and Marketing Content Specialty Test

**DATE:** September 1, 2022

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent)**

Should the Board of Regents adopt the proposed amendment of section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the creation of a safety net for the Business and Marketing Content Specialty Test?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Review of policy.

**Proposed Handling**

The proposed amendment is submitted to the Full Board for adoption as a permanent rule at its September 2022 meeting. A copy of the proposed amendment is attached (Attachment A).

**Procedural History**

The proposed amendment was presented to the Higher Education Committee for discussion at its May 2022 meeting. A Notice of Proposed Rule Making was published in the State Register on June 1, 2022, for a 60-day public comment period. Following publication in the State Register, the Department received no comments on the proposed amendment. Therefore, an Assessment of Public Comment is not required and no changes to the proposed amendment are needed. A Notice of Adoption

will be published in the State Register on September 28, 2022. Supporting materials are available upon request from the Secretary to the Board of Regents.

### **Background Information**

One of the teaching certificate titles is Business and Marketing (8 NYCRR 80-3.2 [e] [2] [xlii]). In response to feedback from candidates and faculty in business and marketing teacher preparation programs, the Department decided to revise the Business and Marketing Content Specialty Test (CST) in 2019. The Business and Marketing test framework was updated to reflect the current knowledge, skills, and abilities that teacher candidates in business and marketing need to possess.

The revised test will continue to be aligned to the New York State Learning Standards for Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Standard 3b: Career Clusters - Business/Information Systems. It is anticipated that the revised Business and Marketing CST will become operational in fall 2022. The test framework and study guide for the revised CST are currently available online for candidates and teacher preparation programs to assist in preparing for the revised test.

The Department proposes to create a safety net for the Business and Marketing CST such that the predecessor test continues to be available for one year as the candidates and teacher preparation programs become familiar with and transition to the test framework of the revised test. Thus, when the revised CST becomes available, candidates would be allowed to take either the revised CST or the predecessor CST in Business and Marketing for one year after the revised test becomes operational.

### **Related Regents Items**

May 2022: [Proposed Amendment of Section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Creation of a Safety Net for the Business and Marketing Content Specialty Test](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/522hed1.pdf)  
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### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective September 28, 2022.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If adopted at the September meeting, the proposed amendment will become effective on September 28, 2022.

**Attachment A**

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 101, 207, 208, 305, 308, 3001, 3004, and 3009 of the Education Law.

1. Paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education by adding a new paragraph (viii) to read as follows:

(viii) When the revised business and marketing content specialty test becomes available, a candidate may take either the revised content specialty test or the predecessor content specialty test in business and marketing, for one year after the revised business and marketing content specialty test becomes operational.