

Emergency Permits Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements

Elementary and Secondary Education Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) Requirements

The reauthorization on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, has a significant impact on emergency permits for teachers working in public schools across the state. Teachers who have an emergency permit and teach in a K-12 setting in a Core Academic Subject Area **may not be counted as Highly Qualified until they have met all three Highly Qualified teacher requirements:** (1) Hold a Bachelor's Degree; (2) Have a valid Indiana Teaching License in the Core Academic Subject Area; (3) Passed the exam(s) in the Core Academic Subject Area.

NCLB Defines "Highly Qualified" (in part) as Follows (Section 9101):

The term "Highly Qualified" – when used with respect to any public Elementary School or Secondary School Teacher teaching in a state-means that "the teacher has obtained full state certification as a teacher (including certification obtained through alternative routes to certification) or passed the state teacher licensing examination, and holds a license to teach in such state except that used with respect to any teacher teaching in a public charter school, the term means that the teacher meets the requirements set forth in the state's public charter school law, and (ii) **the teacher has not had certification or licensure or licensure requirements waived on an emergency, temporary, or provisional basis.**

Questions

For information about Emergency Permits please contact the Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensing's Help Desk at (317) 232-9010 or email your questions to licensinghelp@doe.in.gov. For Highly Qualified questions please contact Tana Mansfield, Educator Effectiveness Specialist over Testing and Title II/Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) Specialist by email at hqt@doe.in.gov or by phone at (317) 234-0218. Visit our Highly Qualified webpage at: <http://www.doe.in.gov/effectiveness/educator-effectiveness-highly-qualified-teacher-provisions>.