



Ontario College of Teachers Qualification Revisions

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Paul Elliott, President

For Action

The Council of the Ontario College of Teachers recently approved a number of changes which affect qualifications offered in Ontario Teacher Education Programs and certain requirements for members to obtain College membership or teaching qualifications.

These regulation changes include new and renamed qualifications. OCT members may be interested in learning about new and revised teacher qualifications, particularly those who are impacted by Regulation 274, as the changes may create questions or confusion during staffing processes. Notable changes include:

Item	Column 1 Schedule	Column 2 Old qualification name	Column 3 New qualification name
1.	Schedule A	Native Studies	First Nations, Métis and Inuit Studies
2.	Schedule D	English as a Second Language	Teaching English Language Learners
3.	Schedule D	Environmental Science/Environmental Studies	Environmental Education
4.	Schedule D	Librarianship	Teacher Librarian
5.	Schedule D	Native Studies	First Nations, Métis and Inuit Studies
6.	Schedule D	Teaching Students Who Are Deaf- Blind	Teaching Students Who Are Deafblind
7.	Schedule E	Native Studies	First Nations, Métis and Inuit Studies

The Ontario College of Teachers does not usually revise members' Certificate of Qualifications to reflect such changes, therefore it is important for members to be apprised of equivalent qualifications that arise from updates such as those listed above. There are some instances when Certificates are revised to reflect historical qualifications. For example, the Ontario College of Teachers has removed and replaced Teaching the Trainable Retarded with Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities.

D/BU presidents are encouraged to share this information with their members and to watch for these revised qualifications during hiring and staffing processes. For a complete list of recently amended regulations, including new and revised qualifications, visit: <http://www.oct.ca/-/media/PDF/Memorandums/20160722Memo176347%20AmendmentsEN.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Bates at peter.bates@osstf.ca.

PB/cy-cope 343

