

The NYS Board of Regents recently adopted amendments to the Commissioner's regulations for NYS teacher certification. These amendments establish a waiver process for candidates who have failed a Content Specialty Test (CST), but have scored within 0.5 standard error of measurement (SEM) of the passing score and have also achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher in a **completed** Bachelor's or Master's degree program.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- You must have already completed your degree program to be eligible for the waiver.
- You must have already submitted a paid certificate application on TEACH to qualify for the waiver. There is no additional fee to apply for the waiver.
- You must submit official transcripts to NYSED's Office of Teaching Initiatives (OTI). Please read through NYSED's policy for [Transcript Submission](#). You will be requesting Buffalo State transcripts from the Registrar's Office: [Transcript Request](#). Be sure to select 'Add an Attachment' and upload a letter requesting that the Registrar's Office include an official document reflecting your full date of birth, last four digits of your SSN, and your name as it appears on your TEACH account. This will ensure that your transcripts meet NYSED's transcript submission policy.
- If you have received a college recommendation for NYS teacher certification, your transcripts have NOT been sent to NYSED. You will need to specifically request that they be sent (see above).
- You can apply for a waiver for more than one CST, if necessary.
- The waiver only applies to the Content Specialty Tests (CST). The Educating All Students (EAS) test is not an eligible exam for this waiver.
- A list of all eligible exams is available on [NYSED's website](#), along with the score needed to qualify for each. The score varies by exam.
- NYSED's website also has a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on their website.