
MEMORANDUM

TO: Bridging Teacher's Certificate (BTC) Holders

FROM: Jeremy Brown, Registrar, Director of Teacher Certification, EECD
Pam Langille, Executive Staff Officer, NSTU

DATE: December 19, 2018

RE: Changes to Teacher Certification Regulations

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Nova Scotia Teachers Union have agreed to amend the *Teacher Certification Regulations* to no longer issue Bridging Teacher's Certificates.

This change comes into effect on January 1, 2019 and will support retention efforts for current Nova Scotia teachers who were certified in other Canadian jurisdictions, as well as support recruitment efforts of teachers from other Canadian jurisdictions who are considering working in Nova Scotia. These regulatory changes to teacher certification are complementary to the Canadian Free Trade Agreement and the provisions under Labour Mobility.

Because of the regulatory change:

- The Registrar / Director of Certification will now recognize qualifications that led to initial certification in other Canadian jurisdictions as equivalent to those in Nova Scotia.
- Current holders of a Bridging Teacher's Certificate are eligible to receive a higher level of classification.

If you currently hold a Bridging Teacher's Certificate, you are encouraged to apply for an increase in certification and receive (at a minimum) an Initial Teacher's Certificate, as per the January 1, 2019, Teacher Certification Regulations.

Bridging Teacher Certificate holders will be contacted by mail using the address on file at the Office of Teacher Certification with details on how to apply for a change in classification to receive a higher level of certification.