Are you missing out on salary?

Teacher Qualification Service policy changes

MASTER'S OR DOCTORATE DEGREE CHANGES

- 1. If you are in category five plus (5+) and hold a master's or doctorate degree that meets the requirements, apply for an upgrade.
- 2. If you hold an acceptable master's or doctorate degree with less than 30 semester credits and have not yet topped up that degree and received an upgrade, apply for an upgrade.
- 3. If you are in category five (5) and hold a graduate degree that contains a teacher education program, you will need to complete an integrated program to qualify for category six (6).

INTEGRATED PROGRAM CHANGES

1. If you are in category five (5) or lower and have completed course work that meets the new requirements of an integrated program but have not yet used that course work for your current category placement, please apply for an upgrade.

SECOND TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND FAMILIARIZATION PROGRAMS

- If you are in category five (5) or lower and have completed a second teacher education program for which you have not been granted Teacher Qualification Service (TQS) category credit, please apply for an upgrade.
- 2. If you are in category five (5) or lower and have completed a familiarization program for which you have not been granted TQS category credit, please apply for an upgrade.

If you require clarification as to how these changes might affect your upgrading requirements or current category placement, please request a director's review of your file. Submit your request through the "Contact Us" page at www.tqs.bc.ca. You must provide verification of current employment in the BC public school system (most applicants photocopy a pay stub) in order to receive a director's review.

To apply for an upgrade complete the Category Upgrade Application Form on the TQS website. Indicate that you are applying for an upgrade based on the policy and regulation changes.

No reviews or upgrades will be processed automatically. You must apply to the TQS in order to receive a review or upgrade. ¶

For full information on these policy changes, please visit TQS at www.tqs.bc.ca.

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