



## MINNESOTA BOARD OF TEACHING

### REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

#### **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED MINNESOTA RULE 8710.4770 WHICH WOULD PERMIT CURRENTLY LICENSED 9-12 OR 7-12 SCIENCE TEACHERS, LICENSED UNDER MINNESOTA RULE 8710.4750, TO BECOME LICENSED IN AN ADDITIONAL SCIENCE CONTENT AREA BY PASSING THE APPROPRIATE PRAXIS II CONTENT TEST.**

**Subject of Rules.** The Board of Teaching requests comments on its proposed rule 8710.4770 permitting 9-12 or 7-12 Science teachers, licensed according to Minnesota Rule 8710.4750, with at least three years of science teaching experience, to add an additional content area of science licensure at the 9-12 level by providing evidence of passing the required PRAXIS II science content exam for the desired science discipline of licensure: either chemistry, earth and space science, life science, or physics by taking and passing the appropriate Praxis II test.

**Persons Affected.** The rule would likely affect teachers, school districts, colleges and universities with teacher preparation programs, students, parents and educational organizations and institutions in Minnesota.

**Statutory Authority.** Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.09, subdivision 4, grants authority to the Board of Teaching to adopt rules regarding teacher licensure and renewal.

**Public Comment.** Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these proposed rules in writing until 4:30 p.m. on September 15th, 2006.

**Rules Drafts.** A preliminary draft of the rule has been prepared and is enclosed with the mailed copies of this Request for Comments, and can be obtained from the Agency Contact person.

**Agency Contact Person.** Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rule, and requests for more information on this proposed rule should be addressed to: Allen Hoffman, Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Teaching, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, Minnesota 55113-4266. Mr. Hoffman's telephone number is 651.582.8888 and the fax number is 651.582.8872. TTY users may call the Board at 651.582.8201.

**Alternative Format.** Upon request this Request for Comments can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, Braille, or cassette tape. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

*Note: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed.*

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8710.4770 Teachers of Science Endorsement Licensure via examination

Subpart 1: Scope of practice: A teacher of science is authorized to provide instruction in chemistry, earth and space science, life science, or physics to students in grades 9-12. The science discipline that the teacher is qualified to teach shall be identified on the teacher's license.

Subpart 2: Qualifications for licensure via examination: An applicant for 9-12 science endorsement licensure via examination to teach chemistry, earth and space science, life science, or physics to students in grades 9-12 shall:

- A. hold a Minnesota full professional license valid for classroom teaching as defined in part 8710.4750 for chemistry, earth and space science, life science, or physics for student grade levels 9-12 or 7-12.
- B. have completed three years of science teaching in the grade level of 7-12 or 9-12.
- C. provide evidence of passing the required PRAXIS II science content exam for the desired science discipline of licensure: either chemistry, earth and space science, life science, or physics

Subpart 3: Professional License: A professional license shall be issued and renewed according to the rule of the Board of Teaching governing licensure.

Subpart 4: Effective Date: Requirements in this part for endorsement licensure via examination for specific science disciplines are effective on the date that the rule is adopted and thereafter.