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**TSPC 6-2020**

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TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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**NEED FOR THE RULE(S):**

Administrative rules are needed to disburse the funds the Student Success Act provided for 2020-2021 to mitigate the costs of licensing for a diverse education workforce.

**JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:**

Without these rules, these funds cannot be disbursed to mitigate the barriers educators of diverse backgrounds face to be licensed. By lowering barriers, candidates will be encouraged to be licensed and part of Oregon's education workforce, which has a demonstrable benefit to students and staff throughout the preK-12 school system. Moneys are currently limited to the 2020-2021 fiscal year and without immediate implementation, there can be no lowering of barriers, thereby preventing increased workforce diversity and lowering student outcomes.

**DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:**

Interagency Agreement (ODE #13347). Copies are available at TSPC, 250 Division St. NE, Salem, OR 97301.

ADOPT: 584-200-0120

**RULE SUMMARY:** The rule describes the eligibility requirements, appropriate expenses, and application process for reimbursement of licensure fees and associated costs for licensees from diverse racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

**CHANGES TO RULE:**

**584-200-0120**

**Reimbursements for Diverse License Applicants**

**(1) Pursuant to section 48, chapter 122, Oregon Laws 2019, the Commission may disburse moneys from the TSPC General Program Fund to applicants for reimbursement of the direct costs of seeking and obtaining Oregon teacher and administrator licensure or renewal and assessment fees leading to licensure.**

**(2) Definitions. For the purpose of this rule, "diverse" shall have the meaning found in ORS 342.433.**

**(3) Eligible Recipients: To be eligible for reimbursement of licensure expenses, a teacher, administrator or personnel service license applicant must:**

(a) Be of diverse origins or language; and¶¶

(b) Have applied for a teacher, administrator or personnel service license, registration, certificate or renewal under ORS 342.125, ORS 342.144, or ORS 342.475 on or after July 1, 2020.¶¶

NOTE: Eligible teachers, administrators and personnel service licensees may be reimbursed for eligible expenses that occurred prior to July 1, 2020 if the licensure or renewal associated with the expenses was granted on or after July 1, 2020.¶¶

(4) Eligible Reimbursement Costs: For each reimbursement application, the applicant may receive a reimbursement for the following actual, direct, and eligible expenses incurred for TSPC licensure or renewal and assessment leading to licensure:¶¶

(a) The total license application fees for TSPC licensure or renewal, including fingerprint costs assessed through the e-Licensing Portal;¶¶

(b) The charges for fingerprinting through Fieldprint or other approved vendor;¶¶

(c) The total expenses for assessment costs associated with the approved license, see section (5) below. Pre-paid assessment fees provided by TSPC under section (6) of this rule may not be included in the licensee reimbursement application.¶¶

(d) Expenses to obtain a foreign transcript evaluation for application for a covered license.¶¶

(e) Tuition for tutoring or remedial courses not otherwise eligible for financial aid that are necessary to achieve teacher, administrator, or personnel service candidacy for licensure, as determined by the educator preparation program.¶¶

(f) Travel expenses: IRS-reimbursable mileage costs from residence to testing center and back.¶¶

(g) Other expenses as approved by Executive Director. ¶¶

(5) Assessment Costs: To be eligible for reimbursement of the direct costs of an assessment leading to licensure, the applicant must provide evidence acceptable to the Commission that the assessment was:¶¶

(a) An edTPA, ORELA or Praxis test leading directly to TSPC licensure;¶¶

(b) Approved by the Commission; and¶¶

(c) Successfully completed by the candidate.¶¶

(6) Pre-Paid Fees: Assessment reimbursement may be provided through an arrangement between TSPC and testing providers, such as assessment vouchers or direct billing.¶¶

(7) Ineligible Expenses: An applicant may not be reimbursed for all Teacher Licensure expenses. Ineligible expenses include, but are not limited to:¶¶

(a) Returned check fees;¶¶

(b) Any fees refunded or waived by ETS, Pearson, EPPs, School Districts, and ESDs.¶¶

(c) Any expenses not actually incurred by the applicant or reimbursed by any other entity.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 342, Section 48, Chapter 122 Oregon Laws 2019

Statutes/Other Implemented: Section 48, Chapter 122 Oregon Laws 2019