



# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

**Date:** February 25, 2026  
**To:** Local Educational Agency Leads  
**From:** Diane Shoener, Director  
Office of the State Board of Education  
**Deadline:** April 18, 2026

## Proposal Level Code – N.J.A.C. 6A:9B, State Board of Examiners and Certification

At its January 7, 2026, meeting, the State Board of Education approved the following rulemaking for publication in the February 17, 2025, *New Jersey Register*. The proposal, which can be viewed on the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) [Administrative Code webpage](#), includes:

- Proposed amendments at N.J.A.C. 6A:9B, State Board of Examiners and Certification, to remove the 20-year service requirement and to clarify that military science endorsement candidates must hold a current and valid certification or letter of eligibility issued by the appropriate branch of the United States military authorizing the individual to serve as a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) instructor for that branch.

The State Board values public input in all matters regarding code promulgation. [Public testimony](#) on the proposed amendments is scheduled to be held on April 8, 2026. Registration for public testimony will open on March 19, 2026, and close at noon on April 2, 2026.

Administrators and members of the public may send written comments concerning the proposal by April 18, 2026, via the NJDOE's [Proposed Rules webpage](#), to [chapter9b@doe.nj.gov](mailto:chapter9b@doe.nj.gov), or to:

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