

OSSTF Certification and QECO

To: TBU/OTBU Presidents and Local Executives
[For distribution to teacher members]

From: Pierre Côté, General Secretary

For Action

The following motion passed at AMPA 2019:

BIRT that OSSTF take all necessary steps to transfer OSSTF Certification to Qualifications Evaluation Council of Ontario (QECO), subject to final PE approval.

While a final decision has yet to be made, steps are underway to develop a certification system transfer process. OSSTF and QECO Certification Regulations regarding the placement of teachers in groups or categories are similar, however the systems and processes are quite distinct and require a great deal of planning. Due to the complexities and scope of such a transfer, the move to QECO Certification would happen in stages. During the initial stages of this process, OSSTF members would continue to apply for OSSTF Certification Rating Statements through OSSTF.

There will also be a workshop at OSSTF's annual Leadership Training Conference to familiarize local leaders with the information they will need to address members' questions about the status of the transfer of OSSTF Certification to QECO. The workshop will also review QECO's evaluation system and processes, as well as review recent changes to the OSSTF Certification Regulations and application processes.

Until further notice, members applying for an OSSTF Certification Rating Statement or re-evaluation should continue to do so using the forms available on the [OSSTF website](#). During the transfer and digitization of files, some information may be inaccessible for a number of days. Members are encouraged to apply for rating statements and group changes as soon as possible, keeping in mind their school board deadlines. Please share this information with affected OSSTF members and watch for further communication advising leaders and TBU/OTBU members of changes to the process.

Enquiries regarding current Certification Rating Statements or advancement to higher groups must be submitted in writing. If you have any questions concerning this DBU, please email Peter Bates at peter.bates@osstf.ca, at the Provincial Office.

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