



Memo

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To: Deans and Directors of Faculties of Education
Registrars, Faculties of Education
Providers of Additional Qualification Programs
Ministry of Education (various contacts)
From: Chantal Bélisle, OCT
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Subject: French as a Second Language (FSL) Program Providers

This memorandum supersedes any prior direction on the language of instruction or eligible program providers for French as a Second Language (FSL) pre-service programs, FSL as an area of study in initial teacher education programs or FSL Additional Qualification (AQ) or Additional Basic Qualification (ABQ) programs.

An English-language provider prepares candidates to teach The Ontario Curriculum, using curriculum documents written in English, in English-language Boards of Education.

A French-language provider prepares candidates to teach *le curriculum de l'Ontario*, using the *programmes-cadres* written in French, in French-language Boards of Education.

These curricula differ in both content and language.

This memorandum clarifies that FSL pre-service programs, FSL as an area of study in initial teacher education programs and FSL AQ/ABQ programs may only be offered by English-language providers.

The FSL requirement aligns with the goals and foundation of the FSL curriculum for both teachers and students. The curricula of FSL pre-service programs, FSL as an area of study in initial teacher education programs and FSL AQ/ABQ programs have been developed for, and are intended to be offered by, English-language providers. This English language-specific development reflects the English-language school systems in which The Ontario Curriculum - French as a Second Language is taught.

The FSL pre-service and AQ/ABQ programs covered by this memorandum are set out below:

Pre-Service Programs

Pre-service programs may offer FSL as an area of study that leads to an FSL basic qualification on a certificate of qualification and registration ("certificate"). This FSL

qualification is set out in Schedule A of the Teachers' Qualifications Regulation (O. Reg. 176/10 – "TQR") of the *Ontario College of Teachers Act* ("Act").

The primary/junior division pre-service program with a focus on teaching FSL is set out in the Accreditation of Teacher Education Programs Regulation (O. Reg. 347/02) of the Act. It leads to basic qualifications in the primary and junior divisions and an AQ equivalency that appears on a certificate as FSL Part 1.

AQ/ABQ Programs

Programs leading to FSL qualifications may be offered as a three-session AQ, as set out in Schedule D to the TQR. Programs leading to FSL qualifications may also be offered as a one-session Honour Specialist AQ as set out in Schedule E to the TQR.

Programs leading to FSL qualifications may be offered as a one-session ABQ, as set out in Schedule A to the TQR.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Roch Gallien, OCT, Director of Standards of Practice and Accreditation at 416-961-8800, extension 870 (or toll-free in Ontario at 1-888-534-2222), or by email at rgallien@oct.ca.

Sincerely,

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