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Date: January 28, 2021  
To: Directors, Ontario District School Boards  
From: Dr. Derek Haime, OCT  
Subject: New Temporary Certificate of Qualification and Registration

At the end of this month, the Ontario College of Teachers will begin to issue a new Temporary Certificate of Qualification and Registration (“temporary certificate”) to eligible teacher candidates who are enrolled in an accredited Ontario teacher education program, and are expected to complete the program by the end of 2021.

The temporary certificate has been created to provide a tool to assist employers with staffing stability as a result of COVID-19. The Ministry of Education, with the support of the Council of Ontario Directors of Education and the Ontario Association of Deans of Education, requested the College enable this certificate.

A holder of the temporary certificate will be a member of the Ontario College of Teachers, and carry the same responsibilities of any Ontario certified teacher.

The temporary certificate will have the same appearance as other College certificates, and the certificate information and holder’s membership status will appear on the College’s public register at [www.oct.ca](http://www.oct.ca).

The temporary certificate will identify the member’s Academic and Technological Qualifications, Teaching Qualifications (including a notation that their teacher education program is in progress, and the areas of study that they are currently completing in their teacher education program) and note a condition to pass the Mathematics Proficiency Test, if applicable.

The temporary certificate will be valid during 2021 only, and holders will be expected to complete their teacher education program and obtain a General Certificate of Qualification and Registration before the end of the year. The temporary certificate will expire on December 31, 2021 if it is not converted to a General Certificate by this date.

This certificate is intended to enable holders to complete occasional teaching in light of current staffing shortages. Faculties of education may recognize teaching completed under the temporary certificate as satisfying remaining program practice teaching requirements.

We hope this initiative will assist your schools in addressing short-term staffing disruptions caused by the COVID-19 emergency. Full program information is available on the College's website at [www.oct.ca](http://www.oct.ca), and if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

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