

# Technology Education teacher licensure in New Jersey: What the new “Technology Education” endorsement means to you...

*Important Note: This document was developed in May, 2005. Please note that all of the information below is subject to further change and interpretation. The intent of this document is not to provide legal interpretation of the law. It is designed to explain the process to those that wish to obtain the new endorsement right now. To avoid any future issues or problems, TEANJ highly recommends that all Industrial Arts certified individuals take steps to obtain the new endorsement.*

Do you need the new Technology Education endorsement to teach Technology Education if you already have an Industrial Arts endorsement? According to the current regulations, “The technology education endorsement established in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-9.2(a)8 is required to teach technology education in all public schools.”<sup>1</sup>

## **The Law**

N.J.A.C. Title 6A and P.L. 2004, c.7 establish rules pertaining to the Teacher of Technology Education instructional endorsement.

### *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-9.2 (a) 8*

Technology education: This endorsement authorizes the holder to teach technology education in all public schools with the exception of approved vocational programs. Technology education includes design fundamentals, energy systems, manufacturing and construction technology, technical graphics, and communications technology.<sup>2</sup>

### *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-11.13 Technology education*

(a) The technology education endorsement established in N.J.A.C. 6A:9- 9.2(a)8 is required to teach technology education in all public schools. Technology education includes design fundamentals, energy systems, manufacturing and construction technology, technical graphics, and communications technology. The requirements are established in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.1.

(b) Holders of New Jersey industrial arts endorsements issued after 1985 that completed technology education programs as verified by the college/university where the program was completed shall be deemed eligible to be issued the technology education endorsement.

(c) Holders of New Jersey industrial arts endorsements, with the exception of (d) below, that have not completed technology education programs shall be eligible to be issued the technology education endorsement upon completing the test requirement and one of the following:

1. A Department-approved program in technology education;
2. Six graduate level credits in technology education; or
3. Fifty hours of professional development in technology education from State-approved providers.

(d) Holders of New Jersey industrial arts endorsements who have three years of experience teaching technology education, as defined in the technological literacy standard, shall be eligible to be issued the technology education endorsement upon application. The teaching experience must be within three years of application for the endorsement and certified by the employing district chief school administrator.<sup>3</sup>

### *P.L. 2004, Chapter 7*

An Act concerning teacher certification and supplementing chapter 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

Be It Enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.18A:26-2.6 Instructional certificate; technology education endorsement; industrial arts endorsement.

1. a. The State Board of Education shall authorize a technology education endorsement to the instructional certificate. The endorsement shall authorize the holder to teach technology education in all public schools. Technology education shall include content which is aligned to the core curriculum content standards and which reflects the standards for technology literacy published by the International Technology Education Association.

b. The State board shall issue an endorsement for industrial arts after the effective date of this act.

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<sup>1</sup> Industrial Arts teachers who fall under the provisions of P.L. 2004, c.7 may be able to teach technology education without obtaining the new endorsement.

<sup>2</sup> The department is currently planning to amend this definition to reflect language in P.L. 2004, c.7 and Standards for Technological Literacy published by the International Technology Education Association.

<sup>3</sup> This language will change to reflect the language in P.L. 2004, c.7.

This endorsement shall authorize the holder to teach industrial arts which includes: graphic arts, drafting, woodworking, metal working, arts and power mechanics.

c. Teachers holding an industrial arts endorsement prior to the effective date of this act and who are employed in a school district teaching technology education or courses as described in subsection a. of this section prior to that date or who have passed the Educational Testing Service Praxis test in technology education or any other test of subject matter knowledge designated by the State board shall, upon application to the State Board of Examiners, be issued a technology education endorsement. A teacher issued a technology education endorsement pursuant to this subsection shall have all of his service teaching technology education or courses as described in subsection a. of this section under the industrial arts endorsement credited toward tenure and seniority as if rendered under the technology education endorsement.

d. Nothing in this act shall be construed to preclude an individual from holding both a technology education endorsement and an endorsement for industrial arts.

C.18A:26-2.7 Rules.

2. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act, including the development of the requirements for the technology education endorsement which shall be aligned with the core curriculum content standards.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved April 23, 2004.

### **How to Apply**

Applications for licensure can be obtained from your county superintendent's office or by calling 609-292-2070. You may also apply online at the following website:

[https://www6.state.nj.us/DOE\\_TCIS\\_ONLINEED/login.jsp](https://www6.state.nj.us/DOE_TCIS_ONLINEED/login.jsp)

If you decide to apply through the paper process rather than through the website you may submit your application and supporting materials directly to your county office.

If you hold a standard Industrial Arts certificate issued at any time prior to April 23, 2004 and your teaching assignment included course content aligned to the Standards for Technological Literacy published by the International Technology Education Association, you may apply for the new endorsement by submitting a completed Application for Certification form with payment (certified check or money order payable to "Commissioner of Education") of \$75<sup>4</sup>. You should also submit a signed statement from your chief school administrator on district letterhead that includes the sample language below.

The purpose of this letter is to verify that (insert teacher's full name as it appears on the certificate) was employed by the (insert full name of the school district) school district prior to April 23, 2004. This individual's teaching assignment prior to April 23, 2004 was in courses that included content aligned to the Standards for Technological Literacy published by the International Technology Education Association.

If you hold a standard Industrial Arts certificate that was issued after 1985, you may apply for the new endorsement by submitting a completed Application for Certification form with payment (certified check or money order payable to "Commissioner of Education") of \$95.<sup>5</sup>

If you hold a standard Industrial Arts certificate issued prior to 1985, you may apply for the Technology Education endorsement by obtaining a passing score of 570 on the Praxis Technology Education subject test (test code 0050). After completing the test requirement, submit a completed Application for Certification form with payment (certified check or money order payable to "Commissioner of Education") of \$95.

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<sup>4</sup> This is the least expensive option.

<sup>5</sup> The \$95 includes an application fee of \$75 and a \$20 test score service fee. You must include the test score service fee even if you took the Technology Education Praxis exam to get the Industrial Arts endorsement.