

The NCED board proposes the following changes to Section 11 of the current bylaws. Section 11.1 below is the current section 11 with no changes. Section 11.2 is the proposed addition to provide a retire certificate holder option for those who meet the stated criteria.

SECTION 11.1. NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

(A) The Board shall issue a Certificate to a person who complies with the Certificate application requirements under Section 9 of these Bylaws, and pays a registration fee set by the Board, and passes the exam administered by the Board.

(B) The Board will set the expiration dates of Certificates and requirements for renewal.

SECTION 11.2. NATIONAL CERTIFICATION (RETIRED)

The NCED (Retired) designation allows NCED certificate holders who are retired from professional practice to continue to identify themselves as professionals who have met national standards in special education assessment and educational diagnostics. The official title of this designation is Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician (Retired) or NCED (Retired).

(A) Eligibility: A Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician is eligible for NCED (Retired) status if the individual meets all of the following requirements:

- Has ceased from public and/or private practice of special education assessment and educational diagnostics for remuneration; and
- Has ceased performing the duties, role and/or responsibilities typically associated with an educational diagnostician or one involved in the training and education of educational diagnosticians for remuneration (examples include but are not limited to professors or university faculty in a field related to educational diagnostics, consulting with educators or parents, presenting or speaking related to educational diagnostics, or mentoring and training of educational diagnosticians or special education teachers); and
- Is an active Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician in good standing at the time of application for Retired status.

(B) Use of the title, Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician (Retired) or NCED (Retired), will be deemed a violation of the NCED *Code of Ethics* if used without approval from the Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician Board or if used while engaging in the capacities listed above for remuneration.

(C) NCED (Retired) individuals receive the same benefits as regular NCEDs, including access to the Member Login tab at the NCED website, obtaining national recognition, verification of continuing education and experience, and an NCED (Retired) certificate.

(D) Reinstatement: Should an NCED (Retired) individual decide to reenter the workforce, he or she can convert NCED (Retired) status to an active NCED by completing the current continuing education units (CEU) requirements and maintaining active NCED status through submission of renewal fees.

(E) Fees & Procedures: The annual fee for NCED (Retired) status is the same as the regular NCED fee. In order to obtain this designation, simply complete the attached application and mail it to the NCED Board along with payment if renewal fees are due. Submitting documentation of CEU hours to obtain or maintain this designation is not required.