

any requirements for certification obtained through alternative routes to certification, or, with regard to special education teachers, the qualifications described in section 612(a)(14)(C) of the IDEA (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(14)(C)), hired by the high-need LEA who teach in high-need schools, disaggregated by the elementary school and secondary school levels;

(9) As applicable, the percentage of ECE program classes in the geographic area served by the eligible partnership taught by early childhood educators who are highly competent; and

(10) As applicable, the percentage of teachers trained—

(i) To integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction, including technology consistent with the principles of universal design for learning; and

(ii) To use technology effectively to collect, manage, and analyze data to improve teaching and learning for the purpose of improving student academic achievement.

6. *Continuation Awards:* In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, the Secretary considers, among other things: Whether a grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; whether the grantee has met the required non-Federal cost share or matching requirement; and, if the Secretary has established performance measurement requirements, the performance targets in the grantee's approved application.

In making a continuation award, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

## VII. Other Information

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Waivers Granted Under Section 3511 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, we announce waivers that the U.S. Department of Education (Department) granted, within the last 30 days, under the CARES Act.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick Rooney, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 3W202, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 453-5514. Email: [Patrick.Rooney@ed.gov](mailto:Patrick.Rooney@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3511(d)(3) of the CARES Act requires the Secretary to publish, in the **Federal Register** and on the Department's website, a notice of the Secretary's decision to grant a waiver under that section. The Secretary must publish this notice no later than 30 days after granting the waiver and the notice must include which waiver was granted and the reason for granting the waiver. This notice fulfills the Department's obligation under section 3511(d)(3).

#### Waiver Data

As described in more detail below, the Department waived, for State educational agencies (SEAs) from each

of the 50 States, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, and for the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), some or all of the following requirements:

- Section 1127(b) of Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), so that an SEA may waive, more than once every three years, if necessary, the 15 percent carryover limitation in ESEA section 1127(a) for fiscal year (FY) 2019 Title I, Part A funds.

- Section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) to extend the period of availability of FY 2018 funds for programs in which an SEA participates under its approved consolidated State plan until September 30, 2021. The programs include:

- Title I, Part A of the ESEA (Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEAs), including the portions of an SEA's Title I, Part A award used to carry out section 1003 school improvement, section 1003A direct student services, if applicable, and Title I, Part D, Subpart 2.

- Title I, Part B of the ESEA (State Assessment Formula Grants).

- Title I, Part C of the ESEA (Education of Migratory Children).

- Title I, Part D, Subpart 1 of the ESEA (Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At Risk).

- Title II, Part A of the ESEA (Supporting Effective Instruction).

- Title III, Part A of the ESEA (English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement).

- Title IV, Part A of the ESEA (Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants).

- Title IV, Part B of the ESEA (21st Century Community Learning Centers).

- Title V, Part B, Subpart 2 of the ESEA (Rural and Low-Income School Program).

- McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program.

- Section 4106(d) of Title IV, Part A of the ESEA related to local educational agency (LEA) needs assessments for the 2019-2020 school year.

- Section 4106(e)(2)(C), (D), and (E) of Title IV, Part A of the ESEA with respect to content-area spending requirements for FYs 2018 and 2019 Title IV, Part A funds.

- Section 4109(b) of Title IV, Part A of the ESEA with respect to the spending limitation for technology infrastructure for FYs 2018 and 2019 Title IV, Part A funds.

- Section 8101(42) of the ESEA, which defines "professional development," for activities funded for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Reasons:** Due to the extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting school closures, the Department invited SEAs to request waivers to provide fiscal and operational flexibility and to help SEAs and LEAs in their planning for how to resume education. The waivers provide an SEA the ability to approve an LEA to carry over more than 15 percent of its Title I, Part A funds, even if the LEA had received approval to exceed this limitation in the past three years. An SEA would be able to extend for itself and its subgrantees the period of availability of FY 2018 funds for programs included in its consolidated State plan to allow additional time to obligate those funds. An SEA would also be able to permit an LEA or consortium of LEAs to use its Title IV, Part A funds to best meet its needs without regard to content-area spending requirements, spending limits on technology infrastructure, or completing a needs assessment. Finally, by waiving the definition of professional development, an SEA and its subgrantees would be able to conduct time-sensitive, one-time or stand-alone professional development focused on supporting educators to provide effective distance learning.

**Waiver Applicants:**

SEAs from all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and BIE requested and received these waivers. Each received all of the waivers listed above, with the following exceptions:

- Title I, Part B: Vermont did not request a waiver under section 421(b) of GEPA to extend the period of availability of FY 2018 funds.
- Title I, Part C: BIE, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, West Virginia, and Wyoming did not request a waiver under section 421(b) of GEPA to extend the period of availability of FY 2018 funds.
- Title I, Part D, Subpart 1: BIE, South Dakota, and Vermont did not request a waiver under section 421(b) of GEPA to extend the period of availability of FY 2018 funds.
- Title III, Part A: BIE did not request a waiver under section 421(b) of GEPA to extend the period of availability of FY 2018 funds.
- Title V, Part B, Subpart 2: Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Rhode Island did not receive a waiver under section 421(b) of GEPA to extend the period of availability of FY 2018 funds.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2020-SCC-0070]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Fiscal Year 2020 Application for Grants Under the International Research and Studies Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 17, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection request by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Cheryl Gibbs, 202-453-5690.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**Title of Collection:** Fiscal Year 2020 Application for Grants under the International Research and Studies Program.

**OMB Control Number:** 1840-0795.

**Type of Review:** An extension of an existing information collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Private Sector.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 25.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 5,000.

**Abstract:** The U.S. Department of Education, International and Foreign Language Education office intends to use this information collection to invite Fiscal Year 2020 grant applications from eligible institutions, public and private agencies, organizations, and individuals who propose to conduct research and studies to improve and strengthen instruction in modern foreign languages, area studies, and other international fields. This information collection is integral to the pre-award phase of our grant-making activities because external peer review panels review the