

**RULE**

**Department of Economic Development  
Office of the Secretary**

**The Veteran Initiative (LAC 19:IX.301)**

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Department of Economic Development has amended the certification rules for the Veteran Initiative, in accordance with the revised requirements of Act 585 of the 2018 Regular Session. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

**Title 19  
CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESS  
Part IX. The Veteran Initiative  
Subpart 1. Certification Program**

**Chapter 3. Certification**

**§301. Eligibility Requirements for Certification**

A. Eligibility. An applicant for certification must meet two sets of requirements:

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c. together with any of its affiliates, has fewer than 50 full-time employees with average annual gross receipts not exceeding \$10,000,000 per year for construction operations and \$6,000,000 per year for non-construction operations, for each of the previous three tax years.

B. ...

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. R.S. 39:2006, R.S. 39:2171 et seq., and R.S. 51:931.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 36:472 (March 2010), amended LR 38:2741 (November 2012), LR 44:1857 (October 2018).

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**RULE**

**Board of Elementary and Secondary Education**

**Bulletin 118—Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices—Test Security (LAC 28:XL Chapter 53)**

In accordance with R.S. 17:6 and R.S. 49:950, the Administrative Procedure Act, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) amended *Bulletin 118—Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

**Title 28  
EDUCATION  
Part XI. Accountability/Testing  
Subpart 3. Bulletin 118—Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices**

**Chapter 53. Test Security**

**§5305. Test Security Policy**

[Formerly LAC 28:CXI.305]

A. - A.9.h. ...

1. School systems wishing to contest any LDE void determinations resulting from LDE data forensic findings or other LDE investigations must submit, from the school

system leader, an appeal request in writing and a report resulting from an investigation of the voids in accordance with Paragraph 3 of this Subsection to the LDE within 30 days of void notification.

i. LDE shall provide a list of recommended investigators that may be used by school systems to support this process.

ii. The investigation shall produce verifiable evidence that corroborates, with a high degree of certainty, that a testing irregularity did not occur. Investigations failing to meet this standard shall not be considered before the committee.

iii. LDE shall convene, annually, a test irregularity review committee, on or before August 31, in accordance with R.S. 42:11 et seq. The test irregularity review committee shall conduct a records review of the investigative results from the school system as well as any additional relevant evidence from the LDE.

iv. The test irregularity review committee shall consist of the following members approved by BESE, coterminous with the board members:

(a). the LDE director of assessment or his/her designee;

(b). a degreed, experienced, large-scale assessment psychometrician;

(c). a nationally-recognized large-scale assessment expert;

(d). a nationally-recognized large-scale assessment test security expert; and

(e). a school system assessment and accountability representative.

v. The test irregularity review committee shall make recommendations, as determined by a majority vote of all members of the review committee, regarding any necessary reversals of voids to the state superintendent.

vi. The state superintendent shall issue a written determination regarding review committee recommendations to reverse voids.

vii. In the event the state superintendent determines not to accept a recommendation to reverse a void, the school system may appeal to BESE, which may determine whether to reverse the voids.

viii. This process shall not supersede or interfere with any investigations administered by state or federal law enforcement officials.

10. - 17. ...

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:391.7(C)-(G).

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Education, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 31:1528 (July 2005), amended LR 32:233 (February 2006), LR 33:255 (February 2007), LR 33:424 (March 2007), LR 33:2033 (October 2007), LR 34:65 (January 2008), LR 34:431 (March 2008), LR 34:1351 (July 2008), LR 35:217 (February 2009), LR 37:858 (March 2011), repromulgated LR 37:1123 (April 2011), amended LR 38:747 (March 2012), LR 39:1018 (April 2013), LR 40:2510 (December 2014), LR 43:634 (April 2017), LR 44:463 (March 2018), LR 44:1857 (October 2018).

**§5309. Erasure Analysis and Online Answer Changes [Formerly LAC 28:CXI.309]**

A. - A.4. ...

5. A summary report of erasure analysis irregularities will be presented to BESE after each test administration.