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TO: All NYSED EPE funded adult education programs

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SUBJECT: Changes/additions to the FY2021/2022 EPE Application

There are a few significant changes and additions to the FY2021/2022 EPE Application. This memo serves as an overview of that information. All EPE programs are encouraged to review the complete application thoroughly and respond accordingly to those areas that apply to their organization. All details pertaining to each of these changes can be found in the application. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the EPE mailbox: [EPE@nysed.gov](mailto:EPE@nysed.gov).

**The 2021-2022 EPE application due date is May 31, 2021.**

The following sections of the EPE application for FY2021/2022 contain new or updated information of importance:

Geographic Waivers:

Page 5 : New criteria has been added describing when programs may apply for additional waivers. *Geographic waivers are not intended for individual student services, they are intended to allow for services to be provided on an annual basis. Geographic waivers are issued by NYSED two times annually; the first opportunity is when applications are reviewed and the initial allocation letter is issued and the second opportunity will be in November. An EPE funded program may request additional geographic waivers in November, for NYSED approval, to be effective in the second half of the fiscal year. No other geographic waivers will be considered outside of these two opportunities.*

Distance Education:

Page 9: Crossroad's Café has been replaced by ESL Distance Education. Programs may continue to use Crossroad's Café if they desire; it is no longer mandatory.

Intake Requirements:

Page 15: Comprehensive intake is no longer a pilot, all programs are expected to provide the same level of support at intake for students.

Career and Technical Education Courses:

Appendix 8: New eligibility for CTE programming

*BOCES or local school districts are eligible for EPE funding for adult occupational programs that do not have an approved K-12 cognate provided that such programs have been approved by the local board of education, are under the supervision of the District Superintendent or local school superintendent and comply with section Education Law §*

[4602](#) and [Part 141.4](#).

EPE Program Component Worksheet:

Pages 27-32: Table 7 has been edited to include additional information; Table 7a has been added.

TACS Waivers:

TASC Waivers to generate EPE contact hours on eligible HSE preparation referred from their own preparation program and Waivers for EPE provider to claim EPE expenses for HSE test administration has been increased from .6 of 1% to 1%.

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