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~~[R277. Education, Administration:~~

~~R277-521. National Board Certification Reimbursement.~~

~~R277-521-1. Authority and Purpose.~~

~~——(1) This rule is authorized by:~~

~~——(a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board;~~

~~——(b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and~~

~~——(c) Section 53F-5-202, which requires the Board to make rules to specify procedures and timelines for reimbursing educators for the cost to attain or renew a National Board certification.~~

~~——(2) The purpose of this rule is to specify procedures and timelines for reimbursing educators for the cost to attain or renew a National Board certification.~~

~~R277-521-2. Definitions.~~

~~——(1) "Eligible educator" means an educator who holds a current National Board certification attained or renewed:~~

~~——(a) after July 1, 2016; and~~

~~——(b) while employed as an educator by an LEA in Utah.~~

~~——(2) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means:~~

~~——(a) a school district;~~

~~——(b) a charter school; or~~

~~——(c) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.~~

~~——(3) "National Board certification" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-6-102.~~

~~R277-521-3. Application Procedures.~~

~~——(1) The Superintendent shall establish and maintain an online application system for National Board certification reimbursements.~~

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~~———(2) To receive reimbursement for the costs an eligible educator paid to attain or renew a National Board certification, an eligible educator shall submit an application through the application system established under Subsection (1):~~

~~———(3)(a) The Superintendent shall annually determine the number of eligible educators based on legislative appropriations and costs associated with obtaining national board certification:~~

~~———(b) The Superintendent shall reimburse eligible educators on a first come, first served basis:~~

~~———(4) The Superintendent may not reimburse an eligible educator for costs incurred in obtaining or renewing national board certification that were previously paid or reimbursed to the educator by a third party:~~

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Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law: ~~Art X Sec 3; 53E-3-401(4); 53F-5-202]~~