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# **PRIVATE SCHOOLS ACT DIPLOMA REGULATIONS**

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**PRIVATE SCHOOLS ACT**  
**Chapter P-20.01**

**DIPLOMA REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to section 17 of the *Private Schools Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-20.01, Council made the following regulations:

**1. Definitions**

In these regulations,

- (a) “**Act**” means the *Private Schools Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-20.01;
- (b) “**credit**” means a weighted unit based on the number of defined hours of instruction in a course that is awarded to a student upon successful completion of the course with a pass mark of at least 50%;
- (c) “**English credit**” means a credit for a course identified as an English course in the Senior High Program of Studies;
- (d) “**French credit**” means a credit for a course identified as a core French course in the Senior High Program of Studies;
- (e) “**mathematics credit**” means a credit for a course identified as a math course in the Senior High Program of Studies;
- (f) “**physical education credit**” means a credit for a course identified as a physical education course in the Senior High Program of Studies;
- (g) “**science credit**” means a credit for a course identified as a science course in the Senior High Program of Studies;
- (h) “**secondary school studies**” means enrolment in courses or a program of study at the grade 10, 11 and 12 level;
- (i) “**Senior High Program of Studies**” means the education program approved by the Minister under clause 3(2)(b) of the *Education Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-.02, for use in the English school system;
- (j) “**social studies credit**” means a credit for a course identified as a social studies course in the Senior High Program of Studies. (EC539/16)

**2. Eligibility for diploma**

- (1) A student is eligible to receive a diploma in accordance with this section or section 3 if,
  - (a) the private school in which the student is enrolled is registered under section 4 of the Act; and

- (b) in the opinion of the Minister, courses offered by the private school are substantially equivalent to courses offered by the Public Schools Branch under the *Education Act*.

**Required credits**

- (2) Subject to subsection (4), the Minister may award a diploma to a student who commenced his or her secondary school studies in the school year commencing September 2015, or at a later date, if the student successfully completes at least twenty credits in courses equivalent to those designated in the Senior High Program of Studies, including
- (a) at least five credits in courses equivalent to those designated in the Senior High Program of Studies as Grade 12 courses; and
- (b) credit for courses that are equivalent to the following courses designated in the Senior High Program of Studies:
- (i) three English credits, one of which shall be ENG 621A or ENG 631A,
  - (ii) two mathematics credits,
  - (iii) two social studies credits, one of which must be CAS 401A, GEO 421A, HIS 421G/J, LAW 521A, LAW 531A, HIS 621A, HIS 621B or POL 621A,
  - (iv) one physical education credit, which shall be PED 401A,
  - (v) one career education and personal development education credit, and
  - (vi) one French credit, or a credit for a course identified in the Senior High Program of Studies as a creativity or innovation course.

**Exemption**

- (3) The Minister may, on request, exempt a student from the credit requirement described in subclause (2)(b)(iv) or (v) if, in the opinion of the Minister,
- (a) the student's health, religious beliefs or physical circumstances prevent the student from successfully completing the credit requirement; or
- (b) the student has transferred into the private school education program from another province or a jurisdiction outside of Canada in the student's third year of secondary school studies, and completion of the credit requirement would unduly delay the completion of the student's secondary school studies.

**Prohibition**

- (4) The Minister shall not award a diploma to a student who commences secondary school studies in the school year commencing in September 2017, or at a later date, unless the student has successfully completed the Prince Edward Island Secondary Literacy Assessment. (EC539/16)

**3. Required credits prior to September, 2015**

The Minister may award a diploma to a student who commenced his or her secondary school studies in a school year commencing prior to September 2015, if the student successfully completes at least twenty credits in courses equivalent to those designated in the Senior High Program of Studies, including at least

- (a) five credits from courses designated in the Senior High Program of Studies as Grade 12 courses;
- (b) four English credits or four French credits;
- (c) two mathematics credits;
- (d) two science credits; and
- (e) two social studies credits. (EC539/16)



**4. Diploma shall not be awarded**

The Minister shall not award a diploma to any person after June 29, 2020. *(EC539/16)*

**5. Revocation**

These regulations are revoked on June 30, 2020. *(EC539/16)*

