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Thank you for your October 30, 2008 letter regarding teachers with business certification being highly qualified to teach economics.

I have spoken to the Office of Licensure and Credentials and they have informed me that three business certificates are authorized to teach economics. By virtue of passing content matter tests for these certificates, the certificate holders would also be *highly qualified* to teach economics. The certificates are as follows:

- (1) **Comprehensive Business (code 1300):** This endorsement authorizes the holder to teach accounting, banking and insurance, business computer applications, business law, business communications, business mathematics, economics and finance, entrepreneurship, international business, keyboarding, business management, business organization, marketing, office administration/office systems technology and exploration in business related careers.
- (2) **Business: Finance/Economics/Law (code 1302):** This endorsement authorizes the holder to teach finance and investment, economics, law, banking and insurance, business mathematics, business communications, business management, business organization and exploration of related careers.
- (3) **Teacher of General Business Studies (code 1320):** This certificate is no longer issued, but holders of the certificate are grandfathered to teach all business subjects, including economics.

I hope this clarifies the department's position on this matter. Should you have further questions, please contact Dr. Robert Higgins, director, Office of Licensure and Credentials at robert.higgins@doe.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

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