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## Supplementary Certificate Pathways

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In response to the influx of recently arrived and asylum-seeking students, and to promote the teaching of English Language Learners in NYS schools, the Board of Regents recently adopted an emergency rule to provide flexibilities for the Supplementary Certificate and Supplementary Bilingual Education Extension. The supplementary certificates have (5) five-year validity period during which the candidate should be working toward completing the requirements for the initial certificate. In the case of the Bilingual Extension Supplementary certificate, the validity period is (3) three years,

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