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NO MORE 194 DAYS, STREAMLINED CERTIFICATES AND NEW AQS

Thanks to input from teachers like you during four years of extensive consultations, we've made sweeping changes to the Teachers' Qualifications Regulation that will affect your certificate and the courses you take. Teachers gave us feedback and these are the changes the profession asked for.

We've streamlined teaching certificates, reducing the number from six to two. You will find the new system is simpler and more transparent.

If you completed your teacher education outside Ontario, you will no longer need 194 days of Ontario teaching experience to achieve permanent certification. This reduces barriers for teachers from other provinces or countries.



The profession's help and advice assisted us in revamping additional qualification (AQ) courses. We've introduced AQs that reflect what our profession needs for the 21st century.

You will have a choice of 64 new technological education courses that make up a new Schedule F. You will be able to take a new, three-course specialist Kindergarten program and a full-year program for teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

To learn more about the new Teachers' Qualifications Regulation and how it helps prepare teachers for the classrooms of tomorrow, see [new certificates explained](#).

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TORONTO STAR PUBLIC EDITOR DELIVERS KEYNOTE AT ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

The *Toronto Star's* Kathy English discusses how the public perceives self-regulation, public accountability and transparency in the teaching profession at the College's Annual Meeting of Members on June 3.



As well, College Chair Liz Papadopoulos, OCT, and Registrar Michael Salvatori, OCT, are providing short reports on the College's 2009 activities and fielding questions from College members.

This is the first time that the annual meeting has featured a guest speaker. As Public Editor, English serves as a liaison between the *Star* and its readers, in print and online. She is both reader advocate and guarantor of accuracy.

English began her journalism career at the *Brantford Expositor* in 1976 and was a *Star* reporter and feature writer from 1983-89. She has reported and edited for the *Hamilton Spectator*, the *London Free Press*, the *Toronto Sun* and the *Globe and Mail*.

She taught newspaper journalism at the Ryerson School of Journalism for 10 years, launched web sites for two Canadian media companies and holds a master's degree in Canadian history.

English is a member of the ethics committee of the Canadian Association of Journalists and the programming committee of the Canadian Journalism Foundation. She serves on the board of the Organization of Newspaper Ombudsmen and spent five years on the National Newspaper Awards board.

Don't miss the chance to hear Kathy English and ask her questions at this year's Annual Meeting of Members. Join us at 5:30 pm on Thursday, June 3 at the Ontario College of Teachers on the 6th floor. A reception will follow in the members' lounge.

Annual Meeting of Members
Thursday, June 3, 5:30 p.m.
Ontario College of Teachers
121 Bloor Street East, 6th floor
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- [Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre](#)
- [Canada Agriculture Museum, Canada Aviation Museum, Canada Science and Technology Museum \(Ottawa\)](#)
- [Apple Canada](#)
- [Intrepid Travel](#)
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