

Temporary Permits for Resource Specialists

General Policies

A Resource Specialist Permit is issued at the request of a public school entity for a competent, but noncertified, person to provide supplemental instruction in their profession or area of expertise. The temporary permit is valid for three calendar years and is not transferable to another public school entity.

Examples of the use of such persons would be a renowned chef who demonstrates culinary arts to students in a home economics class, a famous sculptor in an art education class, or an outstanding musician in a music education class.

Requirements and Procedures

1. The supplemental instruction must occur under the direct supervision of a certificated teacher. These persons cannot be listed as professional staff.
2. This service is part time and must not exceed 400 clock-hours during a school year.
3. When services are provided by professional practitioners in the fine arts or performing arts (for example-music, dance, pottery, painting, sculpture and the like) in schools designated by its governing board as a creative and performing arts specialty school, the resource specialists may be employed for up to 800 hours per year. These Resource Specialists may not supplant certified fine arts or performing arts teachers. Individuals employed under these provisions are not considered professional staff.
4. Public school entities interested in these permits should contact the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Bureau School Leadership and Teacher Quality at 717-728-3224 for explicit information and instruction.

Reference: 22 Pa. Code §49.62

This revision supersedes all earlier CSPGs carrying this number and/or addressing this subject. Previous CSPG printing dates on this subject: 7/06, 7/04, 1/87,3/75

<i>Date of Revisions</i>	<i>Major Changes to CSPG # 100</i>
7/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated bureau name.

7/2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service as a Resource Specialist must not exceed 400 clock-hours during a school year (formerly 300 clock-hours). • When services are provided by professional practitioners in the fine arts or performing arts (for example-music, dance, pottery, painting, sculpture and the like) in schools designated by its governing board as a creative and performing arts specialty school, the resource specialists may be employed for up to 800 hours per year. These Resource Specialist may not supplant certified fine arts or performing arts teachers. Individuals employed under these provisions are not considered professional staff.
7/2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSPG title and numerical change to CSPG #100 - Temporary Permits for Resource Specialists. • Issuance for three calendar years to resource specialists; previously one school year.
1/1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSPG # 31- Letter of Temporary Certification. • No longer issued to exchange teachers.
3/1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSPG # 31- Status and Assignments of Persons Holding Letters of Temporary Certification: included information on the letter of temporary certification issued to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resource Specialists assigned to a maximum of 300 clock hours to supplement, but not supplant professional staff. • Exchange teachers who were foreign nationals or professional educational personnel certificated in other states for employment as substitute teachers for regularly employed professional staff who were involved in an exchange program. The letters of temporary certification listed duties and functions which the holder was able to perform in the employing school. An incoming exchange teacher was required to hold the appropriate letter of temporary certification before being employed. • The letter of temporary certification was issued to expire on June 30 following the date of its issuance and was not transferable to another employer.