

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

April 18, 2019

Introduced by Sen. SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law and the executive law, in relation to certificates of English language acquisition completion for immigrants

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 44 to read  
2 as follows:

3 § 44. Certificates of English language acquisition completion. 1. The  
4 commissioner, in conjunction and in collaboration with the office for  
5 new Americans, shall establish criteria for English language courses and  
6 programs which upon successful completion shall lead to the issuance of  
7 a certificate of English language acquisition completion. Such courses  
8 and programs shall be offered to immigrants, as such term is defined in  
9 subdivision two of section ninety-four-b of the executive law, and may  
10 be offered in person or via a website, application, or cell phone.

11 2. The commissioner shall issue a certificate of English language  
12 acquisition completion to any immigrant who successfully completes an  
13 approved English language course or program as determined by the commis-  
14 sioner.

15 3. The commissioner, in conjunction and in collaboration with the  
16 office for new Americans shall design and make available the following  
17 certificates:

18 (a) Certificates of English language acquisition completion to certify  
19 successful completion of a first or basic level English language course  
20 or program.

21 (b) Advanced certificates of English language acquisition completion  
22 to certify successful completion of an advanced level English language  
23 course or program.

24 4. Each certificate of English language acquisition completion shall  
25 indicate that the enrollee or participant successfully completed the

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 applicable course, program or level of such course or program. Such  
2 certificates shall bear the logos of the department and the office for  
3 new Americans, the New York state seal, and shall be signed, in person  
4 or electronically, by the commissioner and the secretary of state.

5 § 2. Subdivision 5 of section 94-b of the executive law is amended by  
6 adding a new paragraph (o) to read as follows:

7 (o) Assist the commissioner of labor in establishing criteria for  
8 English language courses and programs and carrying out the responsibil-  
9 ities set forth in section forty-four of the labor law.

10 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
11 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
12 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-  
13 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
14 completed on or before such effective date.