

## SECTION 8

### Policy for Requesting Exemption from Standards

No set of standards will cover every possible circumstance in the implementation of an educational intervention, so provision has been made for sites to apply for a 1-year exemption from certain standards when unusual conditions prevail. An exemption may or may not be granted, but in each case the university training center will work with the local administration to achieve the best implementation possible under the prevailing contextual constraints. The procedure for requesting an exemption, or waiver, from a standard for Reading Recovery/Descubriendo la Lectura follows.

1. Any issue of compliance with standards and guidelines should first be discussed between teacher leader and site coordinator, and with a Reading Recovery or Descubriendo la Lectura trainer at the university training center with which they are affiliated.
2. If it is not possible to find a solution that will comply with the standards, the site may submit a written application to the university training center for a 1-year waiver from the standard. (see Appendix B)
3. If the university training center is satisfied that an exemption is appropriate, and that the site is working towards a long-term solution to the problem, a waiver will be granted for 1 year. The university training center will record the number and type of waivers that are granted each year.
4. If an issue cannot be resolved through negotiation between the training center and key persons at the site, the exemption request will be referred by the university training center or site coordinator to the NATG president, accompanied by a letter from the teacher leader and the university trainer. The NATG president and the NATG Executive Committee will review and make a decision on each waiver request.
5. The NATG president will communicate with site coordinator, administrator, teacher leader, and trainer involved. Final granting or denial of a 1-year exemption will be made by the NATG Executive Committee, and this decision will be communicated to all parties.

Requests for exemptions that have proceeded through Steps 1 and 2 above, as well as any questions about the process of requesting exemptions, may be referred to the NATG president. Contact information is available at [www.readingrecovery.org](http://www.readingrecovery.org).