



# PROFESSIONAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS & INSTRUCTIONS

## REQUIREMENTS

An applicant must meet the following requirements to qualify for a Professional teacher certificate:

- ❖ Completion of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university;
- ❖ Completion of a state approved teacher preparation program;
- ❖ Passing scores on an approved [Basic Competence Exam](#);
- ❖ Passing scores on an approved [Content Area Exam](#) available for and aligned to endorsable areas;
- ❖ Completion an [approved Alaska studies](#) course (three semester hours);
- ❖ Completion an [approved Alaska multicultural](#) course (three semester hours);
- ❖ Completion of six semester hours of college coursework within the five years prior to application;
- ❖ Two years of teaching experience in a state approved or accredited school while holding a teaching certificate; and
- ❖ Mandatory Training (applications received on and after June 30, 2017) Requirement: Completion of the four Mandatory Trainings during the five years prior to receipt of your application.

**~NOTE: A Professional certificate is valid for five years and is renewable one year prior to expiration date (birthdate) and can be re-instated for a year after it expires.**

If you do not meet the requirements above, check the [Types of Certificates](#) webpage or contact Teacher Certification for the appropriate certificate application.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Enter all personal information in the spaces provided, including contact phone number(s) and email address. The Teacher Education & Certification Office will mail your certificate to the address that you provide. If you have held Alaska certification prior to this application and your name has changed, you will need to submit a photocopy of a legal document verifying the change with your application packet.

**~NOTE: It is your responsibility to maintain current contact information on file with the Teacher Education & Certification Office. You may update your contact information online at <https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/ContactChange/> or by emailing the Teacher Education & Certification Office at [tcwebmail@alaska.gov](mailto:tcwebmail@alaska.gov).**

### Ethnicity & Definitions

Check the box that most appropriately applies to you.

- **African American:** A person (not of Hispanic origin) having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- **Alaska Native:** A person who is a descendant of a member of the aboriginal races inhabiting the state when annexed to the United States, or who is a descendant of an Indian or Eskimo who, since the year 1867 and prior to June 30, 1952, migrated into the state from Canada, and who is a descendant having at least one-quarter blood derived from these ancestors. This may include, for example, any person of Yup'ik, Inupiat, Aleut, Athabascan, Tlingit, Haida, or Tsimshian origin.
- **American Indian:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- **Asian:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.
- **Caucasian:** A person (not of Hispanic origin) having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
- **Hispanic:** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- **Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- **Two or more races:** A person who primarily identifies their ethnic heritage with more than one subgroup.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Answer the questions one through six (1-6) carefully and completely by answering "yes" or "no" to the questions as they apply to you. If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," provide a written, detailed explanation of the incident and sign it. It is not necessary to provide a written explanation of a minor traffic violation. Include a written explanation of incidents



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involving Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) or Driving under the Influence (DUI), no contest, guilty pleas and cases resulting in a suspended imposition of sentence.

**~NOTE: If a signed, detailed explanation is not provided for any “yes” answers to questions one through six (1-6) or if your explanation is not signed, your application will be returned unprocessed. Any falsification or deliberate misrepresentation, including omission of a material fact, in completion of this application can be grounds for denial of certification.**

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## FINGERPRINT CARD

When applying for certification in Alaska, you must submit one (1) fingerprint card with your application. The fingerprint card will be used to generate a criminal history report by the Alaska Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The criminal history report will be used as one part of the background check required for Alaska certification.

The Teacher Education & Certification Office **cannot** accept criminal history reports completed by other entities, including other states and countries. For the purpose of certification in Alaska, criminal history reports must be completed by the Alaska Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

If there is an error on your criminal history report, you may request the DPS correct the information. To begin the correction process, you must complete and submit a **“Request to Correct Criminal Justice Information”** form. If the information believed to be inaccurate or incomplete in your criminal history was, or will be used to deny a right or privilege, DPS has 5 days to respond to the request or to forward it to the agency responsible for maintaining the requested criminal history information. If you have documentation on your criminal case, please be prepared to provide a copy at the time you request a correction to your record. It may help to expedite your request. One of the most common correction requests is to locate missing disposition information. More information concerning criminal history reports can be located at <http://www.dps.state.ak.us/Statewide/background/default.aspx>.

If you cannot obtain a fingerprint card locally, email the Teacher Education & Certification Office at [tcwebmail@alaska.gov](mailto:tcwebmail@alaska.gov) to request a card be sent to you via U.S.P.S. More information and instructions can be found at <https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/fingerprints.html>.

You must have your fingerprints rolled by a trained technician. The technician must sign and date the card in the appropriate space. All personal information must be filled in, including signature, residence, citizenship, sex, height, weight, race, eye color, hair color, date of birth, and place of birth.

## Fingerprint Card Exceptions

If you currently hold an Alaska teaching, administrative, or special services certificate and are currently employed in a certified position by an Alaska public school district, you may be eligible to submit employment verification instead of an additional fingerprint card.

If you have submitted a fingerprint card for a background check to the Teacher Education & Certification Office in the previous six months, you may be eligible to use your previous background check for this application.

If you held an Alaska Student Teacher Authorization which expired less than 60 days prior to the date your Initial teacher certification application is received by the Teacher Certification Office and your background clearance was completed less than 18 months from the date of application, you do not need to submit a fingerprint card with your Initial application.

If you have any questions concerning employment verification or a previous background check, email the Teacher Education & Certification Office at [tcwebmail@alaska.gov](mailto:tcwebmail@alaska.gov).

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## RECORD OF TRAINING

List all the colleges/universities you attended to complete your degree(s). Attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary. Official transcripts from the colleges/universities where you earned your degrees or completed your state-approved preparation program must be included with the application. If you completed your degree outside of the United States, a complete, original Foreign Evaluation must be submitted with your application. For more information go to [https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/forms/Foreign\\_Evaluation\\_Info.pdf](https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/forms/Foreign_Evaluation_Info.pdf).

**~Note: Request your transcripts be sent directly to you. Include them in your application packet. Do not request universities to submit transcripts directly to the Teacher Education & Certification Office. Official transcripts and/or Foreign Evaluations may be opened, but not marked on in any way.**

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**~Note: Teacher Certification: Your official transcripts must show the completion of at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university.**

If you have submitted the required transcripts with previous applications, verify the transcripts are still on file by contacting the Teacher Education & Certification Office at [tcwebmail@alaska.gov](mailto:tcwebmail@alaska.gov). If additional transcripts need to be submitted, do not send them separately to the Teacher Education & Certification Office.

**~Note: Unofficial, photocopied, electronic, or faxed transcripts or evaluations will not be accepted.**

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## REQUIRED COURSEWORK

Provide the information requested concerning the following required coursework:

- Three (3) semester hours of APPROVED Alaska Studies coursework.
- Three (3) semester hours of APPROVED Multicultural/Cross-cultural Communications coursework.
- Six (6) semester hours or nine (9) quarter hours of credit earned within the past five years.  
(The APPROVED Alaska Studies coursework and the APPROVED Multicultural/Cross-cultural Communications coursework will satisfy this requirement if they were completed within the past five years.)

Official transcripts from the colleges/universities where you completed the required coursework must be included with your application or on file with the Teacher Education & Certification Office.

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## MANDATORY TRAININGS

You must have completed the four mandatory trainings within the five years prior to the date of application. Provide the following information concerning each of mandatory trainings. More information and the Mandatory Training Record Form is available at <https://education.alaska.gov/teachercertification/mandatorytraining.html>.

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## POSITIONS HELD

List positions held. Provide the information requested concerning each position. Attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

***If the certificate for which you are applying has an experience requirement, your application must provide sufficient evidence of the required employment. The experience requirement cannot be satisfied by substitute teaching.***

**Experience requirement:** Unless otherwise specified, teaching or administrative experience must have been accrued in a state approved or accredited elementary or secondary school while holding the appropriate certification.

**Calculating the Full Time Equivalency (FTE):** For a full-time position lasting a year, the FTE would equal one. For a half-time position lasting a year, the FTE would equal 0.50 or one-half. For a half-time position lasting for half a year, the FTE would be 0.25 or one-quarter.

**Employment Outside of Alaska:** If any of the certified positions you are using to satisfy the experience requirements were held in a state other than Alaska, a copy of the certificate from the state where the employment was completed must be included with your application. The out-of-state certificate must have been valid during the employment period.

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## BASIC COMPETENCY EXAM

Indicate the approved Basic Competency Exam (BCE) that you have passed. If you have passing Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE) or Praxis I scores, they can be sent to the Teacher Education & Certification Office directly from Educational Testing Services (ETS), or you can include an original/official examinee score report with your application. To contact ETS, visit [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org). Alaska's ETS recipient code is 7027.

If you have the scores sent directly from ETS, email the Teacher Education & Certification Office at [tcwebmail@alaska.gov](mailto:tcwebmail@alaska.gov) to verify that passing Praxis CASE or Praxis I scores are on file BEFORE sending the application. The application will be returned if it is submitted before passing Praxis CASE or Praxis I scores have been received in the Teacher Education & Certification Office.

For all other approved basic competency exams, the original/official examinee score reports showing passing scores on all three required sections must be included with the application. More information concerning approved exams is available on our website at <https://education.alaska.gov/teachercertification/praxis.html>.

**~Note: All testing requirements of the jurisdiction where you have completed your preparation program must be satisfied to qualify for Alaska certification.**

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## ENDORSEMENT REQUESTS

Provide the information concerning each endorsement you are requesting. Qualifying endorsements will only be granted if they have been requested in this section of the application. You may only request endorsement areas found on the “Endorsements List” located on page 12 of this application. Endorsements will only be granted based on Alaska’s endorsement requirements.

Additional endorsements may be added to your certificate based on the following:

1. Completion of an additional state-approved program and the required scores on the associated content area exam;
2. Two-years of teaching experience in the endorsement area at a state-approved or accredited school and the required scores on an associated content area exam;
3. Posted degree (Major or Minor) with at least 18 semester hours of coursework; or
4. Two-years of teaching experience in the CTE endorsement area at a state-approved or accredited school; the required scores on an associated CTE exam; and the required CTE coursework.

**Content Area Exams:** An original or photocopy of the official score report must be submitted with your application or on file with the Teacher Education & Certification Office.

In order to qualify for teacher certification, you must have passing scores on a content area exam associated with the content or specialty area of your state approved preparation program as indicated on your state-approved program verification or proof-of-program enrollment form.

**~Note: All testing requirements of the jurisdiction where you have completed your preparation program must be satisfied to qualify for Alaska certification.**

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## CERTIFICATE CHECKLIST

Use the certificate checklist to review your application packet before submitting it to the Teacher Education & Certification Office. The list includes all of the requirements and the corresponding documents that you will need to submit to the Teacher Education & Certification Office to qualify for certification. If you have questions about any of the required documents, please email the Teacher Education & Certification Office at [tcwebmail@alaska.gov](mailto:tcwebmail@alaska.gov) to consult with a Certification Analyst.

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## FEE SCHEDULE & ONLINE PAYMENT CENTER

The certification fee is \$200.00. The background check fee is \$60.00. If you are required to provide a fingerprint card, submit a total of \$260.00. You may pay with a credit card via the DEED Online Payment Center, cashier’s check or money order (payable to DEED). Fees are non-refundable. **Personal checks will not be accepted.**

If paid for via the Online Payment Center (<https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/PaymentCenter>), please include the DEED Payment Receipt with your application.

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## SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Mail a single application packet with all of the required items to the Teacher Education & Certification Office at the following address:

**Department of Education & Early Development**  
**Teacher Education & Certification**  
801 West 10th Street, Suite 200  
PO Box 110500  
Juneau, AK 99811-0500

**SCANNED OR FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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## NOTES:

- If an item is missing or incomplete, your application packet will be returned unprocessed to the address you provide in the personal information section of your application.
- If you would like your original documents returned, you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your application packet.
- We recommended that you send your complete application packets to the Teacher Education & Certification Office using one of the many tracking options that are available.

**TIP: IT IS ADVISABLE TO KEEP A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION FOR YOUR PERSONAL RECORDS.**



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## PERSONAL INFORMATION (Instructions on page 1)

Last Name  First Name  M.I.  Social Security Number  -  -

Mailing Address  City  State  Zip Code

Home Phone Number  -  -  Work/Mobile Phone Number  -  -  Gender

Personal Email Address

Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)  /  /  Former Last Name(s)  Highest Educational Degree

Ethnicity:  African American  Alaska Native  American Indian  Asian  Caucasian  
 Hispanic  Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  Two or More Races

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION (Instructions on page 2)

Answer the following questions carefully and completely. If you answer "yes" to any of the questions 1-6, provide a detailed statement in the box below or on a separate sheet of paper. **Any falsification or deliberate misrepresentation, including omission of a material fact, in completion of this application can be grounds for denial of certification.**

- YES  NO 1. Have you been convicted for a violation of criminal law, except for minor traffic violations? Please include convictions for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) and Driving Under the Influence (DUI).
- YES  NO 2. Do you currently have any outstanding criminal charges or warrants of arrest pending against you? This would include any state, province, territory, and/or country.
- YES  NO 3. Is there action pending to revoke or suspend a certificate or license issued to you by another jurisdiction? If "yes," on a separate sheet of paper, list the agency, including complete address and telephone number as well as the purpose of the investigation or inquiry.
- YES  NO 4. Have you ever had any adverse action taken on any certificate or license? (Adverse action includes letters of warning, reprimands, suspensions, revocations, voluntarily surrenders, or voidance)
- YES  NO 5. Are you currently or have you ever been the subject of any certificate or licensing investigation or inquiry by any certification or licensing agency for allegations of misconduct? If "yes," on a separate sheet of paper, list the agency, including complete address and telephone number as well as the purpose of the investigation or inquiry.
- YES  NO 6. Have you ever been denied certification? This would include any state, province, territory, and/or country.

**If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above (1-6), provide a detailed statement here. If you need additional space, provide the detailed statement on a separate sheet of paper and sign it.**

## EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Answer the question regarding your current or potential employment with a public school district in Alaska.

- YES  NO 7. Are you currently under contract or have been offered a contract with a public school district in Alaska? If yes, please complete the following.

Alaska public school district: \_\_\_\_\_, beginning contract date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## FINGERPRINT CARD (Instructions page 2)

If you are required to submit one (1) fingerprint card, Form FD-258 or similar, with your application, use the following checklist to make sure that all the required information on the fingerprint card has been completed.

- Fingerprints must be rolled by a trained technician. **(continued on next page)**
- The technician must sign and date the card in the appropriate space.
- All personal information below must be filled in:
  - Signature
  - Gender
  - Race
  - Date of birth
  - Residence
  - Height
  - Eye color
  - Place of birth
  - Citizenship
  - Weight
  - Hair color

## CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Answer the questions concerning your certification status. Indicate which statements describe your Alaska certification status, as well.

Have you ever held a teaching, administrative or special services certificate in another state?  Yes  No

If yes, complete the following.

State:  Expires:  State:  Expires:

## Previous Alaska Certification

Check the box next to the statement that describes your Alaska certification status. If applicable, provide the requested information concerning your previous Alaska certificate(s).

I held an Alaska Student Teacher Authorization that expired on:

I have never held an Alaska teaching, administrative, or special services certificate.

I have held the following Alaska certificates with the issue dates indicated below:

Certificate Type	Issue Date(s)
Initial/Second Initial	
Professional/Type A	
Type B Administrative	
Type C Special Services	

Certificate Type	Issue Date(s)
Masters	
Reemployment	
Retired/Lifetime	
Type M Limited	

## RECORD OF TRAINING (Instructions page 3)

List all the colleges/universities you attended to complete your degree(s) and state-approved preparation program(s). Attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

Degree(s) Earned	College or University	City, State	Major/Program	Years Attended



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## REQUIRED COURSEWORK (Instructions page 3)

Please indicate the college or university transcripts that reflect the satisfactory completion of the following required coursework:

<b>APPROVED Alaska studies coursework (Three (3) semester hours)</b>		
College or University	Course Number(s)	Date of Completion

<b>APPROVED Alaska multicultural coursework (Three (3) semester hours)</b>		
College or University	Course Number(s)	Date of Completion

<b>Recency credits (Six (6) semester hours or nine (9) quarter hours of credit earned within the past five years)</b>		
College or University	Course Number(s)	Date of Completion

~Note: If completed in the past five years, the Alaska Studies and Alaska Multicultural coursework can be used to meet this recency requirement.

## MANDATORY TRAININGS

You must have completed the four mandatory trainings within the five years prior to the date of application. In the table below, provide the name of the training provider and the date of completion for each of the mandatory trainings. You must provide supporting documentation with your application: e-Learning certificates, [Mandatory Training Record Form](#), or transcripts with an approved class.

Mandatory Trainings	Training Provider (District or Organization)	Date Completed MM / DD / YY
Sexual abuse awareness and prevention		
Suicide awareness and prevention		
Alcohol or drug related disabilities		
Dating violence awareness and prevention		

## POSITIONS HELD

Provide all the information requested concerning each position. Attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

Date(s)	Days per Year	School, District or Organization	City, State	Phone Number	Position/Title	FTE*
<i>(Sample) 2004-09</i>	<i>185</i>	<i>North Slope Borough SD</i>	<i>Barrow, AK</i>	<i>123-4567</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>5</i>

\* Full-time equivalent (Calculate using directions on page 3)

  
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**BASIC COMPETENCY EXAM**

Indicate the approved basic competency exam (BCE) that you have passed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ACT (Math, Reading, & Writing)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Work Keys   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Teacher Certification Exam                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia Assessment for the Certification of Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Certification Testing System                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC)       | <input type="checkbox"/> NES Essential Academic Skills                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico Assessment of Teacher Basic Skills        | <input type="checkbox"/> New York State Teacher Certification Liberal Arts/Sciences Test |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Praxis I (Math, Reading, & Writing)                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Praxis CASE (Math, Reading & Writing)                | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Educator Skills Test-Basic (WEST-B)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAT (Math, Reading, & Writing)                       |  |

**ENDORSEMENT REQUESTS (Instructions page 4)**

Qualifying endorsements will only be granted if they have been requested in this section of the application. Endorsements will only be granted based on Alaska’s endorsement requirements. You may only request endorsement areas found on the “Endorsements List” located at [https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/forms/EndorsementList\\_TeachingCertificate.pdf](https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/forms/EndorsementList_TeachingCertificate.pdf).

**State-Approved Program & Content Exam**

In the table below, indicate the requested endorsement(s), grade levels, location of the state-approved program, name, exam number, name of test vender, and date the exam was taken. Alaska accepts approved content area exams from other states and jurisdiction that are comparable with the Alaska’s approved content area exam.

Requested Endorsement	Grade Levels	State-approved program (University/State)	Content Area Exam (Vendor, Name, & Exam #)	Exam Date
<i>[SAMPLE] Elementary Education</i>	<i>K-8</i>	<i>University of Alaska SE</i>	<i>ETS Elementary Content 0018</i>	<i>5/18/15</i>

**Content Area Exam & Teaching Experience**

In the table below, indicate the requested endorsement(s), the district and state approved/accredited elementary or secondary school where the teaching experience occurred, the grade levels taught, the school years the content area was taught, the associated content area exam, and the date when required scores on the content area exam were met. (Elementary Education, Reading, and Special Education endorsements **may not** be requested with this option.)

Requested Endorsement	District & School	Grades Taught	School Years	Content Area Exam (Vendor, Name, & #)	Exam Date
<i>[SAMPLE] Social Studies</i>	<i>ASD - South HS</i>	<i>9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>2014-16</i>	<i>ETS Social Studies 5081</i>	<i>10/4/13</i>





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### Posted Degree (Major or Minor)

In the table below, indicate the requested endorsement(s), the university where the degree was earned, and the number of semester hours of coursework completed for the degree. The posted minor must be based on at least 18 semester hours of content area coursework.

Requested Endorsement	University	Semester Hrs.	Date earned
[SAMPLE] Biology	University of Alaska Fairbanks	36	1/24/00

### CTE Competency

In the table below, indicate the requested endorsement(s), the district and the state approved/accrued elementary or secondary school where the teaching experience occurred, the grade levels taught, the school years the content area was taught, the associated CTE competency exam and the date when required scores on the CTE competency exam was achieved.

Requested Endorsement	District & School	Grades Taught	School Years	CTE Competency Exam (Vendor, Name, & Exam #)	Exam Date
[SAMPLE] Welding	Anchorage SD, South High School	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	2014-2016	Welding	10/4/13

### CTE endorsement required coursework

Please indicate the college or university transcripts that reflect the satisfactory completion of the following required coursework:

Six semester hours of coursework related to CTE classroom management, student assessment, and teaching strategies.			
College or University	Course Number & Name	Credit Hrs.	Date of Completion

### CERTIFICATE CHECKLIST (Instructions page 4)

**You must submit all of the items required in a single application packet.** The items below must be included with the application or be on file with the Teacher Certification Office. If any item is missing or incomplete, the entire application packet will be returned unprocessed. Mark the checkbox next to each requirement to indicate the item is included in your packet or verified as on file with teacher Certification. **Photocopied or faxed applications will not be accepted.**

- Complete Application (pages 6 – 12)**  
Make sure all sections of the application are complete.

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- Notarization**  
A Notary Public or Postmaster must witness and verify your signature with a signature and stamp/seal.

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- Fingerprint Card / Employment Verification** (Circle one – instructions page 2)  
You are required to submit one of the following:  
**FD-258 Fingerprint card** with all items listed on the checklist filled in

  
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**-OR-**

**Previous Background Clearance** if you have submitted a fingerprint card / background check clearance in the previous six months

**-OR-**

**Employment Verification** if you are under contract in a certified position in an Alaska public school district. You may submit a letter from the employing school district office, a salary placement statement or a photocopy of your current contract as verification. A pay stub **does not** count as employment verification.

- Official Transcripts** verifying a Bachelor's Degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university. If you completed your degree outside of the United States, a complete, original Foreign Evaluation must be submitted with your application. **Unofficial, photocopied, faxed or electronic documents will not be accepted.** Official transcripts or original Foreign Evaluation may be opened, but not marked on in any way.
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- Official Transcripts** verifying the completion of 3 semester hours of approved Alaska Studies
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- Official Transcripts** verifying the completion of 3 semester hours of approved Alaska Multicultural coursework
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- Official Transcripts** verifying the completion of 6 semester hours or 9 quarter hours of credit from a regionally accredited college or university in the five years prior to the date of application

The approved Alaska Studies and approved Alaska multicultural coursework can satisfy this requirement if complete in the five years prior to the date of application.

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- Mandatory Trainings (page 7)**

Include evidence you have completed the four mandatory trainings during the five years prior to applying for certification. The following documents will be accepted as evidence:

- ❖ A record of training with signature of district superintendent or appointed designee or a dean of an accredited school of education;
- ❖ A certificate of completion of a training program approved by DEED; or
- ❖ An official transcript showing the completion of a training course approved by DEED.

The Mandatory Training Record Form is available at

[https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/forms/Mandatory\\_Training\\_Record\\_Form.pdf](https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/forms/Mandatory_Training_Record_Form.pdf).

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- Two Years of Employment as a Certified Teacher**

Two (2) years of full-time, certified employment as a teacher must be evident in the Positions Held section of this application. Teaching experience must have been accrued in a state approved or accredited elementary or secondary school while holding the appropriate certification.

If the two (2) years of certified employment used to satisfy this requirement occurred in a state other than Alaska, a copy of a teacher certificate from the state where the employment occurred must be submitted with this application or on file with our office. The out-of-state certificate must have been valid during the employment period.

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- Passing scores on an approved Basic Competency Exam (BCE)**

If you have passing Praxis CASE or Praxis I scores, they can be sent to the Teacher Education & Certification Office directly from Educational Testing Service (ETS), or you can include an original examinee score report with your application. To contact ETS, visit [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org). Email the Teacher Education & Certification Office to verify passing Praxis CASE or Praxis I scores are on file, BEFORE sending in the application. For all other approved basic competency exams, an original examinee score report must be included with the application. Photocopies of reports will not be accepted. **~Note: All testing requirements of the jurisdiction where you have completed your preparation program must be satisfied to qualify for Alaska certification.**

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- Passing scores on an approved Content Area Exam**

To qualify for certification, you must have passing scores on a content area exam associated with the content or specialty area of your state-approved preparation program as indicated on your verification form. An original or photocopy of the official score report must be submitted with your application or on file with the Teacher Education & Certification Office. Alaska accepts approved content area exams from other states and jurisdictions that are

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comparable with the Alaska's approved content area exams. ~Note: All testing requirements of the jurisdiction where you have completed your preparation program must be satisfied to qualify for Alaska certification.

**State-approved Program Verification Form**

An original verification form must be included with this application. The form is available at <https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/forms/StateApprovedProgramVerification.pdf>. If you completed your teacher preparation program outside of the United States, a complete, original Foreign Evaluation must be submitted with your application. **Photocopies/faxes will not be accepted.**

**Fee Schedule & Online Payment Center**

The certification fee is \$200.00. The background check fee is \$60.00. If you are required to provide a fingerprint card, submit a total of \$260.00. You may pay with a, credit card via the DEED Online Payment Center, cashier's check or money order (payable to DEED). Fees are non-refundable. **Personal checks will not be accepted.**

If paid for via the Online Payment Center (<https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/PaymentCenter>), you **must** include the DEED Online Payment receipt with your application.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Professional certificate is valid for five (5) years and is renewable. To renew a five-year certificate, applicants must meet the following requirements prior to the expiration date of their certificate:

During the life of the certificate being renewed, applicants must complete:

- Six semester hours of renewal credit; and
- Four Mandatory Trainings (<https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/mandatorytraining.html>)

The six renewal credits hours must be upper division (300 level) or higher. The remaining three renewal credits may be upper division credit, lower division credit, continuing education units or non-academic credit or any combination.

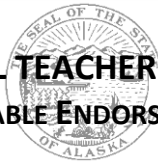
One renewal credit is equal to one semester hour, 1.5 quarter hours, or 15 hours of continuing education or non-academic training. (More information concerning CEUs and non-academic credit is available at [https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/pdf/general\\_info.pdf](https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/pdf/general_info.pdf).)

### NOTARIZATION

You must sign and date the application in the presence of a certified Notary Public or Postmaster. The application must be either notarized by a certified **Notary Public** or signed, dated, and stamped by a **Postmaster**.

<p>I have read the <b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b> concerning the certificate for which I am applying. I understand the requirements to maintain my certificate. If I do not satisfy the requirements, I understand that I will no longer hold Alaska certification and will not be eligible to hold a position in an Alaska public school that requires the type of certification described in this application.</p> <p>I certify under penalty of perjury that the statements made by me in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I acknowledge that I have read and will adhere to the State of Alaska Code of Ethics of the Education Profession. This becomes part of my official record.</p> <p>_____ (Signature of Applicant)      _____ (Date)</p>	<p>State of _____ (Date)</p> <p>_____ (Name of Applicant)</p> <p>appeared before me whose identification I have verified on the basis of _____ (Type of Photo ID)</p> <p>to be the signer of this application and they acknowledged that they signed it.</p> <p>_____ (Signature of Notary)</p> <p>My commission expires: _____</p>
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**PROFESSIONAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION**  
**AVAILABLE ENDORSEMENTS**



<p><b>ART</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Music – Choral</li> <li>• Music – Instrumental</li> <li>• Theater Arts</li> <li>• Visual Arts</li> </ul> <p><b>ALASKA NATIVE STUDIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alaska Native Studies</li> <li>• Aleut Language/Culture</li> <li>• Athabascan Language/Culture</li> <li>• Haida Language/Culture</li> <li>• Inupiaq Language/Culture</li> <li>• Tlingit Language/Culture</li> <li>• Yupik Language/Culture</li> </ul> <p><b>BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Education</li> <li>• Business Communication</li> <li>• Computer Education</li> <li>• Marketing</li> </ul> <p><b>EARLY CHILDHOOD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Childhood Education</li> <li>• Special Ed – Early Childhood</li> </ul> <p><b>EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distance Teaching &amp; E-Learning</li> <li>• Educational Technology</li> </ul> <p><b>ELEMENTARY EDUCATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elementary Education</li> </ul> <p><b>LANGUAGE ARTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• English</li> <li>• English Literature</li> <li>• Humanities</li> <li>• Journalism</li> <li>• Language Arts</li> <li>• Literature</li> <li>• Russian Literature</li> <li>• Speech</li> </ul> <p><b>LANGUAGES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilingual Education</li> <li>• Chinese</li> <li>• English as a Foreign Language</li> <li>• English as a Second Language</li> <li>• French</li> <li>• German</li> <li>• Italian</li> <li>• Japanese</li> <li>• Latin</li> <li>• Russian</li> <li>• Spanish</li> </ul>	<p><b>LIBRARY</b> (Only available if applicant has completed a teacher preparation program.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library Science</li> <li>• Media Specialist</li> <li>• School Librarian</li> </ul> <p><b>MATHEMATICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathematics</li> </ul> <p><b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middle School</li> </ul> <p><b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptive P.E.</li> <li>• Coaching</li> <li>• Kinesiology</li> <li>• Physical Education</li> </ul> <p><b>POLITICAL SCIENCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Science</li> <li>• Sociology</li> <li>• U.S. History</li> </ul> <p><b>READING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Reading Specialist</li> <li>• Remedial Reading</li> </ul> <p><b>SCIENCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology</li> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• Earth Science</li> <li>• Environmental Science</li> <li>• General Science</li> <li>• Geology</li> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Life Science</li> <li>• Natural Science</li> <li>• Physical Science</li> <li>• Physics</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Zoology</li> </ul>	<p><b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthropology</li> <li>• Economics</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• Government</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Political Science</li> <li>• Psychology</li> <li>• Russian History</li> <li>• Social Science</li> <li>• Social Studies</li> <li>• Sociology</li> <li>• U.S. History</li> <li>• World History</li> </ul> <p><b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptive P.E.</li> <li>• Cognitively Impaired</li> <li>• Communication Disorders</li> <li>• Emotionally Disturbed</li> <li>• Hearing Impaired</li> <li>• Learning Disability</li> <li>• Multi-Handicapped</li> <li>• Physically Handicapped</li> <li>• Resource</li> <li>• Special Ed – Early Childhood</li> <li>• Special Education</li> <li>• Visually Handicapped</li> </ul> <p><b>VOCATIONAL EDUCATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family/Consumer Science</li> <li>• Industrial Arts</li> <li>• Industrial Technology</li> <li>• Technology Education</li> <li>• Vocational Education</li> </ul>
<p><b>Alaska recognizes all of the certificate areas and development levels recognized by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). To learn more, go to <a href="http://boardcertifiedteachers.org/certificate-areas">http://boardcertifiedteachers.org/certificate-areas</a>.</b></p>		
<p><b>Grade Levels</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth – Grade 3</li> <li>• Pre K – Grade 3</li> <li>• Pre K – Grade 12</li> <li>• Grades K – 3</li> <li>• Grades K – 5</li> <li>• Grades K – 8</li> <li>• Grades K – 12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades 5 – 8</li> <li>• Grades 5 - 12</li> <li>• Grades 7 – 10</li> <li>• Grades 7 – 12</li> <li>• Grades 9 – 12</li> </ul>	