

4 AAC 04.210(b)(4) is amended to read:

(4) meets the objective uniform standard set out in 4 AAC 04.212(a) for a highly qualified elementary school teacher, if applicable; [OR]

4 AAC 04.210(b)(5) is amended to read:

(5) has achieved the required score or higher on one of the Praxis II examinations described in **4 AAC 12.407(a); or** [THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

4 AAC 04.210(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(6) if the elementary teacher is a subject area specialist, has gained highly qualified status as an elementary teacher or as a middle or high school teacher in the subject area.

4 AAC 04.210(c)(1) is amended to read:

(1) achieved **the required** [a] score [OF 140] or higher on **one of** the Praxis II **examinations described in 4 AAC 12.407(b)** [EXAMINATION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTENT KNOWLEDGE] is highly qualified to teach

(A) sixth grade; and

(B) seventh and eighth grades, if the teacher teaches **three or more** [EACH] of the core academic subjects of English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, and history in one or both of those grades at the middle school; or

4 AAC 04.210(d)(6) is amended to read:

(6) if a middle school teacher, has achieved the required score or higher on a Praxis II examination for that subject described in 4 AAC 12.407(c); [THE FOLLOWING TABLE: OR]

4 AAC 04.210(d)(7) is amended to read:

(7) if a middle or high school teacher, has achieved the required score or higher on a Praxis II examination for that subject described in 4 AAC 12.407(d); [THE FOLLOWING TABLE:]

4 AAC 04.210(d)(8) is amended to read:

(8) if a middle or high school teacher, has achieved the required scores [A SCORE OF ADVANCED MID-LEVEL] or higher on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages examinations described in 4 AAC 12.407(e) [WRITTEN PROFICIENCY TEST EXAMINATION AND A SCORE OF ADVANCED LOW-LEVEL OR HIGHER ON THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON THE TEACHING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES ORAL PROFICIENCY REVIEW EXAMINATION,] for the world language on which the teacher was examined [; IF AN AMERICAN COUNCIL ON THE TEACHING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES EXAMINATION IS OFFERED ONLY IN WRITTEN PROFICIENCY TEST FORM OR ONLY IN ORAL PROFICIENCY REVIEW FORM, AND IF AN ALTERNATE EXAMINATION IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE SAME LANGUAGE UNDER (7) OF THIS SUBSECTION], the teacher will be considered highly qualified [IF THE TEACHER HAS ACHIEVED THE SCORE SET OUT IN THIS PARAGRAPH FOR THE TEST THAT IS AVAILABLE];

(Eff. 6/13/2004, Register 170; am 3/5/2005, Register 173; am 11/10/2005, Register 176; am 1/19/2006, Register 177; am 5/20/2006, Register 178; am 3/15/2007, Register 181; am 7/25/2007, Register 183; am 8/15/2008, Register 187; am 9/7/2012, Register 203; am 6/27/2014, Register 210; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 AS 14.50.080

4 AAC 12.300(b)(4) is amended to read:

(4) **one** [TWO] completed fingerprint **card** [CARDS], with fingerprinting performed by a law enforcement agency or a person who has been trained in recording fingerprints, for separate submittal to the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the department will accept a name-based criminal history background check on a person from the agency performing the background check if the requirements of AS 14.20.020(j) are met; and

(Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 9/30/2005, Register 175; am 12/20/2005, Register 176; am 9/20/2006, Register 179; am 6/7/2015, Register 214; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 AS 14.20.030
AS 14.20.010

4 AAC 12.305(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except as provided in AS 14.20, the department will issue an initial teacher certificate, valid for up to three years under (d) of this section, to an applicant who

(1) has satisfied a baccalaureate degree requirement under **AS 14.20** [AS 14.20.020];

(2) for purposes of competency examination requirements under AS [14.20.015, 14.20.017,] 14.20.020 [,] or 14.20.022, meets or exceeds the qualifying scores for this state on one of the competency examinations designated in 4 AAC 12.310;

(3) has met or will meet within two years the requirements of AS 14.20.020(h);

[AND]

(4) meets the certification requirements of AS 14.20.015, 14.20.017, 14.20.020, or 14.20.022;

(5) if the applicant seeks to qualify for certification under AS 14.20.020 or 14.20.022, provides

(A) a recommendation or proof of program enrollment from an approved preparation program accepted under 4 AAC 12.307(a); and

(B) for each endorsement area listed on the recommendation or proof of program enrollment provided under (A) of this paragraph, a score that meets or exceeds the required score on a content area examination for any endorsement area designated in 4 AAC 12.407 or each equivalent content area examination required by a certifying state agency for an endorsement on a comparable certificate held by the applicant;

(6) if the applicant has completed an approved program accepted under 4 AAC 12.307(a)(2), provides evidence of a comparable certificate issued by the certifying state agency with jurisdiction over the program or an assurance by the certifying state agency or preparing institution that all requirements, including testing required by the jurisdiction, have been satisfied by the applicant and that the applicant is eligible to gain the comparable certification in the state where the preparing institution is located; and

(7) if the applicant seeks to qualify for certification under AS 14.20.020, has met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a).

4 AAC 12.305(b)(2)(B) is amended to read:

(B) a [PRAXIS II] content area examination **for any requested endorsement area designated in 4 AAC 12.407** by **meeting or exceeding the required score** [ATTAINING THE SCORE SET OUT FOR THE APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION UNDER 4 AAC 04.210 OR (j) OF THIS SECTION], or **each** [AN] equivalent content area examination **required by a certifying state agency for a comparable endorsement held by the applicant** [DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT];

4 AAC 12.305(b)(6) is amended to read:

(6) earned at least six semester hours of college credit within the five years immediately preceding application; [AND]

4 AAC 12.305(b)(7) is amended to read:

(7) [HAS] had at least two years of employment as a teacher while holding a valid teacher certificate issued by a state; **and** [.]

4 AAC 12.305(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(8) met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a).

4 AAC 12.305(c) is amended to read:

(c) The department will issue a master teacher certificate, valid for 10 years, to an applicant who has met

(1) the requirements of (a) and (b) of this section for a professional teacher certificate; [AND]

(2) one of the following requirements:

(A) national board certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

(B) master certification from a recognized national certification program as approved by the department; **and**

[(C) THE SCORE REQUIRED IN 4 AAC 12.320(f) ON EACH OF TWO PERFORMANCE REVIEWS.]

(3) the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a).

4 AAC 12.305(g) is amended to read:

(g) A teacher who has not met the qualifications for a professional teacher certificate under (b) of this section when the teacher's initial teacher certificate expires under (d) of this section may no longer be employed as a teacher, except that a person who

[(1)] has not met the experience requirement of (b)(7) of this section may reapply for an initial certificate [; OR

(2) A PERSON WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY FAILED TO QUALIFY UNDER (b)(2)(B) OF THIS SECTION AFTER THE PERIOD OF INITIAL CERTIFICATION UNDER

(a) OF THIS SECTION MAY MAKE ONE MORE APPLICATION FOR AN INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATE UNDER (a) OF THIS SECTION].

4 AAC 12.305(h) is repealed:

(h) Repealed 4/24/2016/.

4 AAC 12.305(j) is repealed:

(j) Repealed 4/24/2016/. (Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 9/30/2005, Register 175; am 8/15/2008, Register 187; am 10/31/2008, Register 188; am 9/17/2011, Register 199; am 9/7/2012, Register 203; am 6/27/2014, Register 210; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020

4 AAC 12.307 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) An applicant for certification who has completed an approved program accepted under (a)(2) of this section must provide evidence of a comparable certificate issued by the certifying state agency with jurisdiction over the program or an assurance by the certifying state agency or preparing institution that all requirements, including testing required by the jurisdiction, have been satisfied by the applicant and that the applicant is eligible to gain the comparable certification in the state where the preparing institution is located. (Eff. 9/7/2012, Register 203; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 AS 14.20.022
AS 14.20.010

4 AAC 12.308(b) is amended to read:

(b) For educator preparation programs for which the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education **or the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)** sets standards, the board will approve an application under (a) of this section if the program offered by the applicant substantially meets the *Professional Standards for the Accreditation of Teacher Preparation Institutions*, published by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, revised as of February 2008, and adopted by reference **or the CAEP Accreditation Standards, published by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, revised as of February 13, 2015, and adopted by reference.** For a special services preparation program, the board will approve an application under (a) of this section if the program offered by the applicant substantially meets the following:

(1) in school psychology, the

(A) *Standards for Training and Field Placement Programs in School Psychology*, published by the National Association of School Psychologists, dated July 15, 2000, and adopted by reference; or

(B) *Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation of Programs in Professional Psychology*, published by the American Psychological Association, revised as of January 2009, and adopted by reference;

(2) in school counseling, the *Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) 2009 Standards*, published by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, 2009, and adopted by reference;

(3) in school social work, the *Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards*, published by the Council on Social Work Education, revised as of March 27, 2010, and adopted by reference;

(4) in school library science, the *Standards for Accreditation of Master's Programs in Library and Information Studies*, published by the American Library Association, dated January 15, 2008, and adopted by reference.

(Eff. 9/7/2012, Register 203; am 12/27/2012, Register 204; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 AS 14.20.620
 AS 14.20.010 AS 14.20.022 AS 14.20.630

Copies of *CACP Accreditation Standards*, adopted by reference in 4 AAC 12.308, may be obtained by writing to the Department of Education and Early Development, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, P.O. Box 110500, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500.

4 AAC 12.310(d)(8) is amended to read:

(8) the Oklahoma General Education Test with a total test score of 240 or more as a qualifying score, and additionally with qualifying scores of a passing score on each of the general studies and liberal arts and sciences tests; [.]

4 AAC 12.310(d) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(9) the National Evaluation Series (NES) Essential Academic Skills with a qualifying score of 220 on each of the reading, writing, and mathematics subtests;

(10) the SAT with qualifying scores of

(A) reading: 500;

(B) mathematics: 515;

(C) writing: 490;

(11) the ACT with qualifying scores of

(A) reading: 22;

(B) mathematics: 22;

(C) writing: 8.

(e) In this section,

(1) “ACT” means the ACT high school achievement and college admissions examination administered by ACT, Inc.;

(2) “SAT” means the SAT high school achievement and college admissions test administered by College Board, Inc.

(Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 9/30/2005, Register 175; am 12/21/2007, Register 184; am 6/27/2014, Register 210; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 AS 14.20.030
AS 14.20.010

4 AAC 12.315 is repealed:

4 AAC 12.315. Teachers holding regular or advanced Type A certificates on September 29, 2005. Repealed. (Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; repealed 4/24/2016, Register 218)

4 AAC 12.320 is repealed:

4 AAC 12.320. Alaska teacher performance review standards; reconsideration. Repealed. (Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 9/20/2006, Register 179; am 9/21/2006, Register

179; am 6/22/2008, Register 186; am 10/31/2008, Register 188; repealed 4/24/2016, Register 218)

4 AAC 12.330(d) is repealed:

(d) Repealed 4/24/2016.

4 AAC 12.330(e) is repealed:

(e) Repealed 4/24/2016. (Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 9/7/2012, Register 203; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.017 AS 14.20.025
AS 14.20.015 AS 14.20.020

4 AAC 12.345(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) has completed a school administration program accepted by the commissioner under 4 AAC 12.307, or for the special education administrator endorsement a special education administration program accepted by the commissioner under 4 AAC 12.307; **and** [.]

4 AAC 12.345(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(3) has met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a).

4 AAC 12.345 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(h) The department will endorse an administrative certificate (Type B) in one or more development levels, content areas, or specialty areas applicable to the type of certificate, if the

recommendation from the preparing institution required under (a) of this section verifies the applicant's completion of an approved educational program in the level or area for which endorsement is sought. The program must meet the program requirements set out in 4 AAC 12.307(a).

(i) An applicant for endorsement under this section who has completed an approved program accepted under 4 AAC 12.307(a)(2) must provide evidence of a comparable certificate or endorsement issued by the certifying state agency with jurisdiction over the program or an assurance by the certifying state agency or preparing institution that all requirements, including testing required by the jurisdiction, have been satisfied by the applicant and that the applicant is eligible to gain the comparable certification or endorsement in the state where the preparing institution is located. (Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 8/31/2008, Register 187; am 9/17/2011, Register 199; am 9/7/2012, Register 203; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 AS 14.30.255

4 AAC 12.346(a) is amended to read:

(a) The department will issue a limited administrative certificate (Type B limited) with a superintendent endorsement, valid for one year if

(1) the applicant has demonstrated administrative expertise and has the educational background, as described in (b) of this section;

(2) the school board for the district in which the applicant will be employed, through its school board president, has requested issuance of a limited administrative certificate for the applicant under this section;

(3) the school board for the district in which the applicant will be employed has provided an experienced mentor for at least the first two years of the applicant's employment with the school district as the superintendent; the mentor must hold or have held the position of superintendent in a school district in this state under a valid certificate;

(4) the applicant has successfully passed the criminal history background check in the same manner as a teacher certified under AS 14.20.020 and 4 AAC 12.300; [AND]

(5) the applicant submits to the department

(A) one completed fingerprint card, with fingerprinting performed by a law enforcement agency or a person who has been trained in recording fingerprints, for separate submittal to the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the department will accept a name-based criminal history background check on an applicant from the agency performing the background check if the requirements of AS 14.20.020(j) are met; [AND]

(B) the fee for the criminal history background check in the amount charged by the Department of Public Safety as set out in 13 AAC 68.900; and

(C) the fee for the issuance of a teacher certificate as established in 4 AAC 12.300(g); **and**

(6) the applicant has met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a).

(Eff. 7/1/2015, Register 215; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.020 AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020

4 AAC 12.347 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(g) The department will endorse a special education administrative certificate (Type F) in one or more development levels, content areas, or specialty areas applicable to the type of certificate, if the recommendation from the preparing institution required in (a) of this section verifies the applicant's completion of an approved educational program in the level or area for which endorsement is sought. The program must meet the requirements set out in 4 AAC 12.307(a).

(h) An applicant for endorsement under this section who has completed an approved program accepted under 4 AAC 12.307(a)(2) must provide evidence of a comparable certificate or endorsement issued by the certifying state agency with jurisdiction over the program or an assurance by the certifying state agency or preparing institution that all requirements, including testing required by the jurisdiction, have been satisfied by the applicant and that the applicant is eligible to gain the comparable certification or endorsement in the state where the preparing institution is located. (Eff. 8/31/2008, Register 187; am 9/17/2011, Register 199; am 9/7/2012, Register 203; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 AS 14.30.255

4 AAC 12.355(a) is amended to read:

(a) The department will issue a special services certificate (Type C), valid for five years, to an applicant who has completed a program in a special service area, has a bachelor's or higher degree, [AND] is recommended by the preparing institution, **and has met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a).**

4 AAC 12.355(d) is repealed:

(d) Repealed 4/24/2016.

4 AAC 12.355 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(i) The department will endorse a special services certificate (Type C) in one or more development levels or specialty areas if the recommendation from the preparing institution required in (a) of this section verifies the applicant's completion of an approved educational or special service program in the level or area for which endorsement is sought. The program must meet the requirements set out in 4 AAC 12.307(a).

(j) An applicant for endorsement under this section who has completed an approved program accepted under 4 AAC 12.307(a)(2) must provide evidence of a comparable certificate or endorsement issued by the certifying state agency with jurisdiction over the program or an assurance by the certifying state agency or preparing institution that all requirements, including testing required by the jurisdiction, have been satisfied by the applicant and that the applicant is eligible to gain the comparable certification in the state where the preparing institution is located.

(k) For the "school psychology" endorsement, the applicant must

(1) hold a master's or higher degree in school psychology and

(A) be recommended for endorsement by an institution whose psychology program has been approved by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, the National Association of School Psychologists, or the American Psychological Association; and

(B) have completed a 1,200-hour internship in school psychology, 600 hours of which must be completed on site in preschool or kindergarten - grade 12 programs; or

(2) hold a master's or higher degree in a related field and be a nationally certified school psychologist under the National School Psychologist Certification System established by the National Association of School Psychologists.

(l) For the "speech," "language," or "hearing" endorsement, the applicant must

(1) either

(A) hold a master's or higher degree with major emphasis in

(i) speech-language pathology;

(ii) audiology; or

(iii) speech-language and hearing science; or

(B) possess certification of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; and

(2) be recommended for the endorsement by an institution whose program has been accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education or the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification or approved by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. (Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 9/17/2011, Register 199; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020

4 AAC 12.360(a) is amended to read:

(a) The department will issue an advanced special services certificate (Advanced Type C) to an applicant who qualifies for a special services certificate (Type C) under 4 AAC 12.355, as applicable, and who

(1) earns national certification;

(2) submits to the department

(A) a completed application form provided by the department for an advanced special services certificate;

(B) a copy of the national certification for each area for which advanced special services certification is sought;

(C) unless the applicant has successfully passed a criminal background check to obtain, reinstate, or renew a certificate in this state,

(i) **one** [TWO] completed fingerprint **card** [CARDS], with fingerprinting performed by a law enforcement agency or a person who has been trained in recording fingerprints, for separate submittal to the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the department will accept a name-based criminal history background check on an applicant from the agency performing the background check if the requirements of AS 14.20.020(j) are met; and

(ii) the fee for the criminal history background check in the amount charged by the Department of Public Safety as set out in 13 AAC 68.900; [AND]

(3) if required by (2)(C) of this subsection, successfully passes the criminal background check in the same manner as a teacher certified under AS 14.20.020 and 4 AAC12.300; **and**

(4) has met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a).

4 AAC 12.360(f)(4)(A)(i) is amended to read:

(i) **one** [TWO] completed fingerprint **card** [CARDS], with fingerprinting performed by a law enforcement agency or a person who has been trained in recording fingerprints, for separate submittal to the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the department will accept a name-based criminal history background check on a person from the agency performing the background check if the requirements of AS 14.20.020(j) are met; and

(Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020

4 AAC 12.370(a) is amended to read:

(a) The commissioner may issue a limited certificate (Type M), valid for five years, in the specialty area of Alaska Native language or culture, or of military science, if the commissioner determines that

(1) baccalaureate degree teacher training in the specialty area of Alaska Native language or culture, or of military science is not sufficiently available;

(2) the applicant has demonstrated both subject matter expertise and teaching competency, as verified by the local school district;

(3) the school board, through its chief school administrator, has requested issuance of a limited certificate for the applicant; [and]

(4) the applicant has successfully passed the criminal history background check in the same manner as a teacher certified under AS 14.20.020 and 4 AAC 12.300; unless the applicant has successfully passed a criminal history background check to obtain, reinstate, or renew a current teacher certificate in this state, the applicant must submit to the commissioner

(A) **one** [TWO] completed fingerprint **card** [CARDS], with fingerprinting performed by a law enforcement agency or a person who has been trained in recording fingerprints, for separate submittal to the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the department will accept a name-based criminal history background check on an applicant from the agency performing the background check if the requirements of AS 14.20.020(j) are met; and

(B) the fee for the criminal history background check in the amount charged by the Department of Public Safety as set out in 13 AAC 68.900; **and**

(5) the applicant has met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a).

(Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 3/28/2012, Register 201; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 AS 14.20.025

4 AAC 12.372(a) is amended to read:

(a) The commissioner may issue a limited career or technical education certificate (Type M), valid for one year, in a specialty area of a career or technical education course if the commissioner determines that

(1) baccalaureate degree teacher training in the specialty is not sufficiently available;

(2) the applicant has demonstrated subject matter expertise in the specialty, as verified by the local school district;

(3) the school board for the district in which the applicant will be employed, through its chief school administrator, has requested issuance of a limited career or technical education certificate for the applicant; [and]

(4) the applicant has successfully passed the criminal history background check in the same manner as a teacher certified under AS 14.20.020 and 4 AAC 12.300; unless the applicant has successfully passed a criminal history background check to obtain, reinstate, or renew a current teacher certificate in this state, the applicant must submit to the commissioner

(A) **one** [TWO] completed fingerprint **card** [CARDS], with fingerprinting performed by a law enforcement agency or a person who has been trained in recording fingerprints, for separate submittal to the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the department will accept a name-based criminal history background check on an applicant from the agency performing the background check if the requirements of AS 14.20.020(j) are met; and

(B) the fee for the criminal history background check in the amount charged by the Department of Public Safety as set out in 13 AAC 68.900; **and**

(5) the applicant has met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a).

(Eff. 3/28/2012, Register 201; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 AS 14.20.025

4 AAC 12.375(a)(5) is amended to read:

(5) is currently enrolled in an approved baccalaureate degree teacher education program at a regionally accredited institution as described in AS 14.20.020 and 4 AAC 12.305(b)(4); [AND]

4 AAC 12.375(a)(6) is amended to read:

(6) submits to the department a plan that has been agreed to by the chief school administrator of the nominating district and the applicant, and that meets the terms and conditions set out in (b) of this section; **and**

4 AAC 12.375(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(7) has met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a).

(Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 10/31/2008, Register 188; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.020 AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.025

4 AAC 12.380(a) is amended to read:

(a) The department will issue a retired teacher certificate to an applicant who possesses a valid professional, master, Type A, Type B, or Type C teacher certificate from this state upon retirement from teaching, **and has met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a)**. A retired teacher certificate qualifies the holder to be assigned as a substitute teacher as specified in this section, for the same areas that the retired teacher held a valid teacher certificate from this state upon retirement.

(Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 6/7/2015, Register 214; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 AS 14.20.030

4 AAC 12.390 is amended to read:

(a) The department will issue an Early Childhood Associate I certificate, valid for five years, to an applicant who has **met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a) and**

(1) completed a 30-credit university or college early-childhood education program that requires at least 400 hours of supervised practicum experience; or

(2) obtained a valid Child Development Associate (CDA) award from the Bank Street College of Education.

(b) The department will issue an Early Childhood Associate II certificate, valid for five years, to an applicant who

(1) has completed an approved associate degree program in early childhood education; [AND]

(2) has obtained an Early Childhood Associate I certificate; **and**

(3) has met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a).

(c) Possession of an Early Childhood Education certificate does not qualify the holder to be assigned as a regular classroom teacher.

(d) Early Childhood Associate I and Early Childhood Associate II certificates may be renewed upon submission of evidence of completion of six semester hours of credit in early childhood education, or a related field, and, for the Early Childhood Associate I certificate, the renewal of a Child Development Associate award, if applicable. (Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020

4 AAC 12.395 is repealed and readopted to read:

4 AAC 12.395. Teaching endorsements. (a) The department will endorse a teacher certificate under 4 AAC 12.305 if the applicant provides

(1) a recommendation from an approved preparation program accepted under 4 AAC 12.307(a) with an attestation verifying the applicant's completion of an approved educational program at the institution in the level or area for which endorsement is sought; and

(2) for each endorsement area listed on the recommendation provided under (1) of this subsection, a score that meets or exceeds the required score on a content area examination for any endorsement areas designated in 4 AAC 12.407 or each equivalent content area examination required by a certifying state agency for an endorsement on a comparable certificate held by the applicant.

(b) In addition to the endorsements qualified for under (a) of this section, the endorsements on a master teacher certificate issued under 4 AAC 12.305(c) include the same endorsements as those on the applicant's national board certificate. (Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 6/27/2014, Register 210; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020

4 AAC 12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 AAC 12.396. Addition and removal of endorsements. (a) A current certificate holder or an applicant eligible for certification as described in 4 AAC 12.305 may add an additional endorsement appropriate to the holder's or applicant's certificate by demonstrating

(1) completion of an endorsement program accepted under 4 AAC 12.307(a) and a passing score on an endorsement-related content examination designated in 4 AAC 12.407, or

each equivalent content area examination required by a certifying state agency for a comparable endorsement currently or previously held by the applicant;

(2) two years of teaching in the content area and a passing score on the endorsement-related content area examination designated for the middle school, high school, or world language in 4 AAC 12.407(b)-(f), or each equivalent content area examination required by a certifying state agency for a comparable endorsement currently or previously held by the applicant;

(3) two years of teaching in a career and technical education (CTE) area, six semester hours of coursework focused on classroom management, student assessment, and teaching strategies specific to career and technical education, and successful completion of an industrial competency examination that is specific to career-and-technical-education content, as approved by the department; or

(4) completion of at least one of the following degrees in the content or specialty area for which the endorsement is sought:

(A) a doctorate degree;

(B) a master's degree;

(C) a baccalaureate degree, with a major or posted minor of at least 18 semester hours in an approved program in the content or specialty area for which an endorsement is sought.

(b) A certificate holder seeking to add an endorsement under this section who has completed an approved program accepted under 4 AAC 12.307(a)(2) must provide evidence of a comparable certificate or endorsement issued by the certifying state agency with jurisdiction over the program or an assurance by the certifying state agency or preparing institution that all

requirements, including testing required by the jurisdiction, have been satisfied by the applicant and that the applicant is eligible to gain the comparable certification or endorsement in the state where the preparing institution is located.

(c) Except as provided in (d) and (e) of this section, upon written request of the certificate holder and payment of the required fee, and upon written representation by the holder that the holder is not currently under contract in a position in which the endorsement is required, the department may remove an endorsement from a certificate. Once removed, an endorsement may be added again only if the applicant pays the required fee and meets the current requirements for issuance of the endorsement.

(d) The holder of a teacher certificate with a special education endorsement may have the endorsement removed from the certificate by filing a form developed by the department and paying a fee of \$200 to the department, except that a special education endorsement may not be removed during

(1) the term of a certificate holder's first initial or professional teacher certificate issued under 4 AAC 12.305(a) or (b); or

(2) a school term in which the certificate holder is assigned to a position requiring a special education endorsement.

(e) At the request of a certificate holder whose special education endorsement was removed under (d) of this section, the endorsement will be reinstated, without payment of a fee, if the certificate holder meets the endorsement requirements in effect at the time of the request for reinstatement.

(f) A current certificate holder or an applicant eligible for certification under 4 AAC 12.345 or 4 AAC 12.355 may add an additional endorsement appropriate to the holder's or

applicant's certificate by satisfying the requirements for the endorsement as described in 4 AAC 12.345 or 4 AAC 12.355, as applicable. (Eff. 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020

4 AAC 12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 AAC 12.397. Mandatory training requirements. (a) On or after June 30, 2017, to qualify for a certificate issued under 14.20.020 or to renew or reinstate a certificate, an applicant must provide evidence of training regarding

- (1) alcohol and drug related disabilities and satisfying the requirements of AS 14.20.680;
- (2) sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention and satisfying the requirements of AS 14.30.355, as that section is to appear on June 30, 2017;
- (3) dating violence awareness and prevention and satisfying the requirements of AS 14.30.356, as that section is to appear on June 30, 2017; and
- (4) youth suicide awareness and prevention and satisfying the requirements of AS 14.30.362, as that section is to appear on July 1, 2016.

(b) An applicant shall provide evidence of the training required under (a) of this section by submitting

- (1) a certificate of completion of a training program;
- (2) an official transcript showing the completion of a training course;
- (3) a record of training signed by a dean of an accredited school of education; or
- (4) a record of training signed by the superintendent or appointed designee of a school district in this state.

(c) Transcripts and other documents become part of the applicant's permanent records and remain on file with the department. For each certificated employee, a district shall maintain a record of each training required by (a) of this section, including the date of completion.

Training records for each certificated employee must be maintained by the district for at least five years.

(d) For a training course to satisfy the requirements of (a) of this section, the course must have been completed no more than five years prior to the date of an applicant's application for certification or renewal.

(e) The requirements of this section are applicable to initial applications and applications for renewal of a certificate issued under AS 14.20.020, 4 AAC 12.305(a), (b), and (c), 4 AAC 12.345, 4 AAC 12.355, 4 AAC 12.360, 4 AAC 12.370, 4 AAC 12.372, 4 AAC 12.375, 4 AAC 12.380, 4 AAC 12.390, 4 AAC 12.400, and 4 AAC 12.405. The requirements of this section do not apply to applicants qualifying for certification under AS 14.20.015, AS 14.20.017, and AS 14.20.022. (Eff. 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 AS 14.20.680
AS 14.20.010

4 AAC 12.400 is amended to read:

4 AAC 12.400. Emergency special services certificate (emergency Type C). At the request of a school district seeking to employ a person in a position for which a special services certificate (emergency Type C) is required, the commissioner may issue an emergency special services certificate (Type C), valid for a period not to exceed the end of the school year in which it is issued, to a person not otherwise qualified if the district demonstrates to the satisfaction of

the commissioner that, despite diligent efforts, including advertising in one or more newspapers of general circulation, it has been unable to fill the position with a qualified person holding the required certificate. **The commissioner will not issue a certificate under this section unless the commissioner also determines that the applicant has met the requirements of 4 AAC**

12.397(a). (Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.010 AS 14.20.020

4 AAC 12.405(b) is amended to read:

(b) In addition to the requirements of (a) of this section, a certificate may not be renewed unless the applicant

(1) supplies

(A) **one** [TWO] completed fingerprint **card** [CARDS], with fingerprinting performed by a law enforcement agency or a person who has been trained in recording fingerprints, for separate submittal to the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the department will accept a name-based criminal history background check on an applicant **from** [FORM] the agency performing the background check if the requirements of AS 14.20.020(j) are met; and

(B) the fee for the criminal background check in the amount charged by the Department of Public Safety as set out in 13 AAC 68.900; [AND]

(2) successfully passes the criminal background check in accordance with AS 14.20.020 and 4 AAC 12.300; **and**

(3) has met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.397(a).

4 AAC 12.405(d) is amended to read:

(d) A master teacher certificate issued under 4 AAC 12.305(c) may be renewed by compliance with (a), (b), and (c) of this section, and by maintenance of certification under 4 AAC 12.305(c)(2)(A) or (B) [OR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2006, UNDER 4 AAC 12.305(c)(2)(C)].

4 AAC 12.405 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(g) A special services certificate (Type C) endorsed in "school psychology" may be renewed any number of times if an applicant provides evidence of completion of a minimum of 90 contact hours in the areas of assessment, evaluation, intervention, program planning, program development, or staff or program administration in

- (1) accredited college or university course work;
- (2) workshops, seminars, or institutes;
- (3) school district or university sponsored in-service training programs;
- (4) college training; or
- (5) workshop or seminar teaching.

(h) The department will not collect processing fees for the non-academic credits earned through workshops, seminars, or institutes under (g)(2) of this section. (Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 9/2/2011, Register 199; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020

4 AAC is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 AAC 12.407. Content area examinations. (a) A teacher may satisfy the content area testing requirements of 4 AAC 04.210(b)(5), 4 AAC 12.305(a), (b), and (c), and 4 AAC 12.395 by achieving the required score or higher on one of the following:

(1) a Praxis II examination described in the following table:

Praxis II Examination	Required Score
Elementary Education Content Knowledge - 5014 or 0014	143
Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment - 5011 or 0011	156
Multiple Subject Assessments for Teachers Content Knowledge - 0140	146
Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment - 5017	153
Elementary Education: Content Knowledge - 5018	163

(2) the Praxis II examination in Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects - 5001 with the required scores or higher on each of the subtests described in the following table:

Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects	Required Score
Subtests	
Elementary Education: Reading and Language Arts Subtest - 5002	157
Elementary Education: Mathematics Subtest - 5003	157
Elementary Education: Social Studies Subtest - 5004	155

Elementary Education: Science Subtest - 5005	159
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(b) A teacher may satisfy the content area testing requirements of 4 AAC 04.210(c)(1), 4 AAC 12.305(a), (b), and (c), 4 AAC 12.395, and 4 AAC 12.396 by achieving a score of 140 or higher on the Praxis II examination for Middle School Content Knowledge.

(c) A teacher may satisfy the content area testing requirements of 4 AAC 04.210(d)(6), 4 AAC 12.305(a), (b), and (c), 4 AAC 12.395, and 4 AAC 12.396 by achieving the required score or higher on a Praxis II examination for one or more of the subject or endorsement areas described in the following table:

Praxis II Examination	Required Score
Middle School English Language Arts - 5049 or 0049	154
Middle School English Language Arts - 5047	164
Middle School Mathematics - 0069	145
Middle School Mathematics - 5169	165
Middle School Science - 0439	136
Middle School Science - 5440	150
Middle School Social Studies - 5089 or 0089	149

(d) A teacher may satisfy the content area testing requirements of 4 AAC 04.210(d)(6) and (7), 4 AAC 12.305(a), (b), and (c), 4 AAC 12.395, and 4 AAC 12.396 by achieving the required score or higher on a Praxis II examination for one or more of the subject or endorsement areas described in the following table:

Praxis II Examination	Required Score
Art Content Knowledge - 0133	155
Art Content Knowledge - 5134 or 0134	158
Biology Content Knowledge - 5235 or 0235	144
Chemistry Content Knowledge - 5245 or 0245	139
Chinese (Mandarin): World Language - 5665	164
Earth and Space Science Content Knowledge - 5571 or 0571	144
Economics - 0910	460
Economics - 5911 or 0911	150
English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge - 5041 or 0041	158
English: Content Knowledge - 5038	167
English Language Arts: Content and Analysis - 5039	168
English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content and Analysis - 5044 or 0044	166
French Content Knowledge - 0173	160
French World Language - 5174	162
General Science: Content Knowledge - 5435 or 0435	146

General Science: Content Knowledge, Part 1 - 0431 and Part 2 - 0432	Part 1: 146 Part 2: 144
Geography - 0920	590
Geography - 5921 or 0921	149
German Content Knowledge - 0181	158
German World Language - 5183	163
Government/Political Science - 0930	610
Government/Political Science - 5931 or 0931	149
Mathematics Content Knowledge - 5061 or 0061	121
Mathematics Content Knowledge - 5161	160
Musical Content Knowledge - 5113 or 0113	154
Physical Science Content Knowledge - 0481	145
Physics Content Knowledge - 5265 or 0265	127
Social Studies Content Knowledge - 5081 or 0081	152
Spanish Content Knowledge - 0191	152
Spanish World Language - 5195	168
Speech Communication - 0220	560
Speech Communication - 5221 or 0221	146
Theatre - 0640	560
Theatre - 5641 or 0641	127

World and U.S. History - 0940	440
World and U.S. History - 5941 or 0941	141

(e) A teacher may satisfy the content area testing requirements of 4 AAC 04.210(d)(8), 4 AAC 12.305(a), (b), and (c), 4 AAC 12.395, and 4 AAC 12.396 for world languages by achieving a score of advanced low-level or higher on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Written Proficiency Test examination and a score of advanced low-level or higher on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Oral Proficiency Review examination, for the language on which the teacher was examined. If an American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages examination is offered only in Written Proficiency Test form or only in Oral Proficiency Review form, and if an alternate examination is not available for the same language under (d) of this section, the teacher meets the testing requirements if the teacher achieves the score set out in this subsection for the test that is available.

(f) A teacher may satisfy the content area testing requirements of 4 AAC 12.305(a), (b), and (c), 4 AAC 12.395, and 4 AAC 12.396 by achieving the required score or higher on a Praxis II examination described in the following table:

Praxis II examination	Required score
Business education - 0100	620
Business education - 5101 or 0101	154
Family and consumer science - 0120	610
Family and consumer science -5121 or 0121	164
Family & consumer science - 5122	153

Fundamental subjects: content knowledge - 5511	150
Health education - 5551 or 0551	155
Health education - 5550 or 0550	670
Health and physical education - 5856 or 0856	152
Health and physical education: content Knowledge - 5857	160
Physical education - 5091 or 0091	146
Social sciences: content knowledge - 0951	161
Technology education - 0050	630
Technology education - 0051 or 5051	159
Vocational general knowledge - 0890	640]

(Eff. 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 AS 14.50.080
AS 14.20.010 AS 14.20.022

4 AAC 12.900(a)(8) is amended to read:

(8) “limited certificate” means a certificate issued under AS 14.20.025, **4 AAC 12.346**, [AND] 4 AAC 12.370 - 4 AAC 12.375, **and 4 AAC 12.390**;

4 AAC 12.900(a)(11) is amended to read:

(11) “non-instructional position” means a position for which a teaching certificate is required, but that does not include instruction in a **preschool** [KINDERGARTEN] - 12th grade setting;

4 AAC 12.900(a)(12) is amended to read:

(12) “preparing institution” means the institution of higher learning **or a state agency** from which the applicant graduated or at which the applicant completed the program or earned the credits required for a certificate or endorsement;

4 AAC 12.900(c)(1) is amended to read:

(1) means a person who, for compensation, instructs or teaches students in any grade from **preschool** [KINDERGARTEN] - 12th grade;

(Eff. 5/30/71, Register 38; am 10/4/73, Register 47; am 8/12/82, Register 83; am 6/9/85, Register 94; am 4/9/87, Register 102; am 7/1/90, Register 114; am 8/8/91, Register 119; am 7/2/93, Register 126; am 6/9/95, Register 134; am 4/4/96, Register 138; am 6/28/98, Register 146; am 3/31/2002, Register 161; am 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 10/21/2007, Register 184; am 4/24/2016, Register 218)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.010 AS 14.20.020