

4 AAC 12.370(a) is amended to read:

4 AAC 12.370. Limited certificate (Type M). (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, [OR A VOCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL COURSE] if the commissioner determines that

(1) baccalaureate degree teacher training in the specialty area [areas] of Alaska Native language or culture, or of military science, [OR VOCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL STUDIES] is not sufficiently available;

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

(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) two completed fingerprint 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.

4 AAC 12.370(b)(3) is repealed:

(3) repealed ___/___/____. (Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am ___/___/2012,

Register __)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 AS 14.20.025

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

4 AAC 12.372. Limited career or technical education certificate (Type M). (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

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(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.

(b) To demonstrate the subject matter competency in the career or technical specialty required under (a) of this section, the applicant must

(1) submit two letters of recommendation verifying the applicant's length of experience and competency in the specialty; and

(2) possess an industry certification in the career or technical specialty, or have completed four or more years of full-time work experience in the specialty, for which not more than two years of formal training at a trade school, technical institute, or similar institution may be substituted; in this paragraph, "industry certification" means a credentialing, licensing, or certification that permits a person to work in the career or technical specialty.

(c) The department may extend the initial one-year limited career or technical certificate issued under (a) of this section for an additional four years if the applicant demonstrates that the applicant has met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.310 for basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics and the school district certifies on a form provided by the department that the

applicant has demonstrated classroom instruction, curriculum, and assessment skills. A teacher who does not meet the requirements of 4 AAC 12.310 is not eligible to have the limited certificate extended or renewed until the requirement is met.

(d) A limited career or technical education certificate issued under (c) of this section may be renewed any number of times for five years upon submission to the department of

(1) evidence of satisfactory completion of

(A) three semester hours of credit related to the applicant's employment or a career and technical education specialty approved by the school district; and

(B) 135 hours of work experience in the specialty outside of work with students;

(2) evidence of satisfactory teaching performance under the limited certificate;

and

(3) a request for renewal from the school board of the district in which the certificate holder is employed.

(e) The department will not require the applicant to possess a baccalaureate degree for issuance of a limited career or technical education certificate. (Eff. __/__/2012, Register __)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.20.020 AS 14.20.025

4 AAC 12.385(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) a limited certificate issued under 4 AAC 12.372 [4 AAC 12.370].

(Eff. 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 9/7/ 2011, Register 199; am __/__/2012, Register __)

Authority: AS 14.07.020 AS 14.07.060 AS 14.35.020