



MARYLAND EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE

is issued this certificate on the basis of having met the legal requirements in the State of Maryland.

EDUCATOR ID

HIGHEST DEGREE

TYPE

VALID

CERTIFICATION AREAS

ANCILLARY CREDITS

It is the responsibility of the holder of this certificate to know the current certification requirements and to renew this certificate prior to the expiration date.

Given at Baltimore, Maryland, by

State Superintendent of Schools

Renewal Requirements for Educators Employed in Local Public School Systems, Non-public Special Education Facilities, and State institutions. To renew this certificate, you must:

- complete the necessary credits as indicated on the following chart, including the MSDE reading requirements (if applicable);
- submit an official transcript for all coursework completed (degree conferrals must be verified with an official transcript);
- complete satisfactory experience as required; and
- complete a certificate renewal plan (if applicable, the plan is sent to you prior to renewal).

For the following paragraphs, acceptable credit is defined as post baccalaureate course work taken at a regionally accredited college/university or through MSDE-approved continuing professional development (CPD) credits. The course work must also be related to a school assignment, earned within 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the certificate is issued, and earned in reading courses if the educator has not yet completed them. See last page for reading requirements.

Standard Professional Certificate 1 (SPC1) 5-Yr. validity	Standard Professional Certificate 2 (SPC2) 5-Yr. validity	Advanced Professional Certificate (APC) 5-Yr. validity
<p>To obtain SPC2: Complete 6 semester hrs. of credit; and Complete 3 yrs. of satisfactory school-related experience; and Complete a SPC Certificate Renewal Plan prior to obtaining the SPC2.</p>	<p>To obtain the APC: Complete a Master's; OR The equivalent of 36 semester hrs. of post-baccalaureate course work, 21 of which must be graduate credits from a regionally accredited college or university; OR Obtain National Board Certification and complete a minimum of 12 semester hrs. of graduate credit and Complete 3 yrs. of satisfactory school-related experience; and Complete a Certificate Renewal Plan for the APC just prior to obtaining the APC.</p>	<p>To renew APC: Complete 6 semester hrs. of course work or the equivalent; and Complete 3 yrs. of satisfactory school-related experience; and Complete APC Certificate Renewal Plan.</p>

FAILURE TO MEET YOUR RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS WILL RESULT IN A SALARY PENALTY, LOSS OF TENURE, AND CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION OR TERMINATION OF PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS.

Do you have senior status?

If you will complete or have completed at least 25 years of public or non-public professional school service, in Maryland or any other state, or you are or will be at least 55 years of age any time within the validity dates of this certificate, you may qualify for senior status. Acceptance of the senior status allowance is determined by each local school system in Maryland and enables you to renew your certificate without further renewal requirements. For certificate renewal only, senior status will remain in effect as long as you are employed by a local Maryland school system, non-public special education facility or State institution that recognizes and accepts this allowance. Once you terminate employment, the senior status allowance no longer applies and you must complete the appropriate requirements.

Renewal Requirements for Other Certificate Holders

For the following paragraphs, acceptable credit is defined as post baccalaureate course work taken at a regionally accredited college/university or through MSDE-approved continuing professional development (CPD) credits. The course work must also be related to a school assignment, earned within 5 years immediately requirements (if applicable); preceding the date on which the certificate is issued, and earned in reading courses if the educator has not yet completed them. See last page for list of reading requirements.

Professional Eligibility Certificate (PEC), Standard Professional Certificate 1 (SPC1) or Standard Professional Certificate II (SPC II) 5-Yr. validity	Professional Eligibility Certificate (PEC), Standard Professional Certificate 1 (SPC1) or Standard Professional Certificate II (SPC II) 5-Yr. validity	Advanced Professional Certificate (APC) 5-Yr. validity
Complete 6 semester hrs. of credit; we will issue a PEC.	To obtain an initial APC: Complete a Master's; OR The equivalent of 36 semester hrs. of post-baccalaureate course work, 21 of which must be graduate and 15 additional graduate, undergraduate, or MSDE Continuing professional Development (CPD) credits from a regionally accredited college or university; OR Obtain National Board Certification and complete a minimum of 12 semester hrs. of graduate credit and Complete 3 yrs. of satisfactory school-related experience.	Complete 6 semester hrs. of acceptable credit; we will issue an APC.

If you hold a certificate for teaching students with visual impairments, you will need to submit at least one course, continuing education unit, or professional development activity indicating maintenance of Braille proficiency as part of, or in addition to, the regular renewal requirements for educators.

If you have a specialist or administration certificate, and you do not have an (S) on your certificate, you must complete an introduction to special education course or a course in the inclusion of special needs population as part of your renewal credit. (If at least one of the areas of certification is Special Education, the course requirement has been satisfied and the (S) will not appear on the certificate.)

Reading Requirements

If you hold a certificate in early childhood education, elementary education, and special education at those levels, **12 semester hours** in the following content are required:

- Processes and Acquisition of Reading
- Instruction of Reading
- Materials for Teaching Reading
- Assessment for Reading Instruction.

If you hold a certificate in secondary education, N-12/K-12/PreK-12 education, and special education at those levels, **6 semester hours** in the following content is required:

- Methods of Teaching Reading in the Secondary Content Area, Part I
- Methods of Teaching Reading in the Secondary Content Area, Part II.

For additional information regarding renewal requirements, consult the Certification website at <http://www.mdcert.org>.