

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 20-A: EDUCATION
Chapter 502: CERTIFICATION OF EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL

§13012. PROVISIONAL TEACHER CERTIFICATE

1. Definition. A provisional teacher certificate is the entry level certificate issued to an individual who has not taught previously in the State, except as provided in section 13013, subsection 2-A, paragraphs B and D.

[1997, c. 266, §15 (AMD) .]

2. Qualifications.

[2001, c. 534, §1 (RP) .]

2-A. Qualifications. State board rules governing the qualifications for a provisional teacher certificate must require that a certificate may only be issued to an applicant who meets the requirements of subsection 2-B, has successfully completed a student teaching experience of at least 15 weeks and:

A. For elementary school, has met academic and preprofessional requirements established by the state board for teaching at the elementary school level and has graduated from an accredited, degree-granting educational institution upon completion of:

- (1) A bachelor's degree from a 4-year accredited college or university;
- (2) A 4-year program in liberal arts and sciences; or
- (3) An approved 4-year teacher preparation program and has majored in the subject area to be taught or an interdisciplinary program in liberal arts; [2001, c. 534, §2 (NEW) .]

B. For secondary school, has met academic and preprofessional requirements established by the state board for teaching at the secondary school level and has graduated from an accredited, degree-granting educational institution upon completion of:

- (1) A bachelor's degree from a 4-year accredited college or university;
- (2) A 4-year program in liberal arts and sciences; or
- (3) An approved 4-year teacher preparation program and has majored in the subject area to be taught; [2001, c. 534, §2 (NEW) .]

C. Is otherwise qualified by having met separate educational criteria for specialized teaching areas, including, but not limited to, special education, home economics, agriculture, career and technical education, art, music, business education, physical education and industrial arts, as established by the state board for teaching in these specialized areas; or [2001, c. 534, §2 (NEW); 2005, c. 397, Pt. D, §3 (REV) .]

D. Has completed 6 credit hours of approved study within 5 years prior to application, has met entry-level standards and has held either a professional teacher certificate that expired more than 5 years prior to the application date or a provisional teacher certificate issued prior to July 1, 1988 that expired more than 5 years prior to the application date. [2001, c. 534, §2 (NEW) .]

[2011, c. 635, Pt. B, §4 (AMD) .]

2-B. Learning results. In order to help students achieve learning results as established in section 6209, a provisional teacher certificate may be issued only if the applicant:

A. Demonstrates knowledge of the central concepts, tools of inquiry and structures of the discipline that the applicant teaches and can create learning experiences that make these aspects of the subject matter meaningful to students; [2001, c. 534, §2 (NEW).]

B. Demonstrates the ability to integrate the concepts, tools of inquiry and structures among the disciplines that the applicant teaches; [2001, c. 534, §2 (NEW).]

C. Demonstrates a knowledge of the diverse ways in which students learn and develop by providing learning opportunities that support their intellectual, physical, emotional and social development; [2001, c. 534, §2 (NEW).]

D. Plans instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, students and curriculum goals; [2001, c. 534, §2 (NEW).]

E. Understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies and appropriate technologies; [2001, c. 534, §2 (NEW).]

F. Creates and maintains a classroom environment that supports and encourages learning; [2001, c. 534, §2 (NEW).]

G. Demonstrates the ability to support students' learning and well-being by engaging students and their homes, school, colleagues and community; [2001, c. 534, §2 (NEW).]

H. Understands and uses a variety of formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and support the development of the student; [2001, c. 534, §2 (NEW).]

I. Demonstrates an awareness of and commitment to the ethical and legal responsibilities of a teacher; and [2001, c. 534, §2 (NEW).]

J. Demonstrates a strong professional ethic and a desire to contribute to the education profession. [2001, c. 534, §2 (NEW).]

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3. Endorsements. The provisional teacher certificate shall be issued with an endorsement which specifies the grades and subject area which the teacher is deemed qualified to teach. The state board shall by rule establish the criteria for assessing teacher proficiency and subject matter competency for the provisional certificate. A holder of a provisional teacher certificate may not teach outside his or her area of endorsement unless he or she has received a waiver from the commissioner in accordance with state board rules. These endorsements shall not apply to teachers in private schools approved for attendance purposes only.

[1983, c. 845, §4 (NEW).]

4. Two-year limit. The provisional teacher certificate may be issued for a 2-year period and may only be renewed in accordance with section 13016.

[1985, c. 287, §§2,8 (AMD).]

5. Qualifying examinations. The provisional teacher certificate shall only be issued to those applicants who have taken the teacher qualifying examinations set forth in chapter 502-A.

[1983, c. 859, Pt. I, §1 (NEW).]

6. Rulemaking. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

[2001, c. 534, §3 (NEW).]

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