

SBE Approved Tiered Certification Rule

In order to receive an Institutional Recommendation to receive a **RESIDENCY CERTIFICATE**, you must the following minimum requirements:

- “Basic” or higher ratings in all 22 evaluation components
- Individualized Learning Plan
- Demonstrated measurable student achievement* and the ability to create student learning objectives

QUESTION: Have you met the minimum requirements outlined above?

YES

Receive a non-renewable Residency Certificate valid for three (3) years and receive mentoring during the term of the certificate.

A one-year extension may be requested under the following provisions:

- Currently employed
- A written recommendation for extension from hiring district

NO

You are not eligible for an Idaho teaching certificate.

If, at the expiration of the certificate, you met the following minimum requirements, you may apply to receive a 5 year renewable **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE**:

- For 2 of 3 years (or 4 years in the event of an extension):
 - “Proficient” or higher on 16 or more evaluation components
 - No more than 6 “Basic” marks on evaluation
 - No “Unsatisfactory” marks on evaluation
 - Show measurable student achievement
 - Annual Individualized Professional Learning Plan

QUESTION: Have you met the minimum requirements outlined above?

YES

Apply for 5 year renewable **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE**.

At expiration and to renew the **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE**, you must meet the applicable credit requirements of your specific endorsement.

NO

- If you are unable to meet the minimum requirements for professional certificate, you may return to approved education program to address deficiencies and reapply for residency certificate.
- You cannot hold certificate during this time period.

* Measurable Student Achievement Tools:

- ISAT
- Student Learning Objectives
- Formative Assessments
- Teacher-constructed assessments of student growth
- Pre and post tests
- Performance-based assessments
- IRI
- PSAT, SAT, ACT
- District adopted assessment
- End of course exams
- Advanced Placement exams
- Professional-Technical exams

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Teachers holding a RESIDENCY CERTIFICATE who are granted a district-approved leave of absence for 1 or more years may receive a 1-year extension to renewal timeframe:

- Teacher must notify SDE that they have an approved leave of absence prior to the expiration of their RESIDENCY CERTIFICATE.
- The timeframe may be extended to 2 years if the purpose of the leave is to serve in a non-teaching district-approved position.
- In the event of military leave, the renewal timeframe may be extended equivalent to the military obligation.

INACTIVE STATUS

Teachers holding a RESIDENCY CERTIFICATE who are no longer in the classroom may apply for inactive status.

- On return to active status, the teacher shall resume certification status at the point of inactivity.
- To be placed on inactive status, a teacher must apply for inactive certificate status prior to the time of current certificate renewal.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Option 1: National Board. By earning NBPTS certificate in content specific areas, teachers may gain endorsement in a corresponding subject area.

Option 2: Master’s Degree or higher. By earning a graduate degree in a content specific area, candidates may add an endorsement in that same content area to a valid certificate.

Option 3: Testing and/or Assessment: Two pathways are available for some teachers, depending upon endorsement(s) already held:

Pathway 1- Endorsements may be added through state-approved testing and a mentoring component.

Pathway 2- Endorsements may be added through state-approved testing in an area less closely compatible w/and endorsement for which the candidate already qualifies and is experienced.