

**ELEMENTARY K-6**  
**CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY WITH ADVANCED STANDING**  
Effective July 2013, the K-5 certificate will be revised to authorize instruction in grades K-6.

**(ENDORSEMENT CODE: 1001)**

Please print this page before you apply.

**TO AVOID DELAYS:** After applying online, please submit **ALL** necessary documentation, including the oath of allegiance/verification of accuracy form, **together** in a **single packet** to the address below. If possible, please have transcripts sent to you first and then forward them in the sealed envelope(s) together with any other documents. Please include your Social Security number or tracking number in all correspondence with our office.

**NJ Department of Education**  
**Office of Certification and Induction**  
**PO Box 500**  
**Trenton, NJ 08625-0500**

This endorsement authorizes the holder to:

- i. Serve as an elementary school teacher in grades kindergarten through six in all public schools;
- ii. Teach language arts literacy, mathematics, science and social studies full-time in grades kindergarten through six;
- iii. Teach world languages full-time in grades kindergarten through six pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-11.10;
- iv. Teach all remaining subjects no more than one-half of the daily instructional assignment; and
- v. Teach reading, writing, arithmetic, and spelling, for basic skills purposes only, in grades six through 12.

**Degree Requirement**

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree is required from a [regionally accredited college/university](http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/usaccred.htm). (<http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/usaccred.htm>)

**Cumulative GPA Requirement**

- New Jersey requires that candidates for certification achieve a cumulative **GPA of at least 3.0 when a GPA of 4.00** equals an A grade for students graduating on or after **September 1, 2016 (2.75 for those graduating before September 1, 2016)** in a baccalaureate degree program, higher degree program or a State-approved post-baccalaureate certification program with a minimum of 13 semester-hour credits. Please note that a high praxis test score may offset a GPA that is lower than 3.0 but higher than 2.75. Click on the following link for more details: <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/gpa.htm>

**Subject Matter Preparation**

- For certification as an elementary school teacher, completion of a major in the liberal arts, sciences, or a minimum of 60 liberal arts credits is required. A "Liberal arts major" means any college major **such as** philosophy, history, literature, sociology, science, mathematics, or world language that is intended primarily to provide general knowledge and to develop an individual's general intellectual capacities to reason and evaluate, as opposed to professional or vocational skills. The final determination as to which courses will be counted towards the subject matter is based on professional and content standards found in the NJ Licensing Code. **All credits must appear on a regionally accredited 2 OR 4 year college/university transcript.**

**Praxis II Test Requirement**

- **Test Requirement.** Please go to <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/1112.pdf> for testing details. Official scores must be presented directly from Educational Testing Service to the NJ Department of Education. Only official scores are accepted. **The New Jersey Department of Education code (R7666) and your Social Security number must appear on your test score report in order to be accepted. Please submit a copy of your test score report if you have taken the appropriate exam.**

**Professional Teacher Preparation**

- Current regulations for certification require that applicants complete a coherent sequence of study in professional education which may be completed in a provisional teacher program or an approved teacher preparation program. This is to advise that courses presented by the applicant in professional education must be a coherent sequence of courses that culminates in supervised student teaching.

### Physiology and Hygiene Requirement

- This requirement may be completed by presenting evidence of basic military training, OR by completing a course such as biology, health or nutrition that appears on a regionally accredited 2 or 4 year college or university transcript, OR by completing a 35 question True/False test administered in the county office of education. Please go to <http://www.state.nj.us/education/counties/> in order to contact a county office of education **after** you apply online.

### Fee Information

- **No checks or money orders will be accepted**
- Please make the payment online at <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/epay.htm>.
- **Please notify your examiner after payment has been made.**
- If you apply and are denied, you will be charged a fee of \$70.
- **All fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable**

### Online Certificate Information

- All information about certificates is now available online, including certificate name, certificate ID number, date of issuance, and expiration date if applicable. Instructions to view this information can be found at [www.state.nj.us/education/educators/license/tcis/instructions.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/education/educators/license/tcis/instructions.pdf).
- In order to make certification information available more quickly, this information will appear on our website in lieu of the issuance of paper certificates. Additionally, the move to electronic certificates will save costs associated with printing and mailing, as many of our neighboring states have discovered. **Therefore, as of May 15, 2015, paper certificates will no longer be issued.**

### Applicant Checklist:

**You cannot complete the entire application process online.** After applying online, please submit **ALL** necessary documentation together **IN A SINGLE PACKET** to the NJ DOE in order to complete your application. Please put your tracking number or Social Security number on all documents that you send to our office. For this particular certificate, you will need to send in the following:

- Oath of allegiance/verification of accuracy form. (Available here: <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/forms/verify.pdf> )
- Official transcripts noting degree conferral and all other relevant transcripts. If possible, please have transcripts sent to you first and then forward them in the sealed envelope(s) together with any other documents.
- Copies of your Praxis test score report (May be submitted at a later date if you have not yet completed this requirement. See above for details.)
- Fee of \$190 paid online

**IF YOU HAVE MET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, [CLICK HERE](#) TO APPLY ONLINE.**