This document is intended to provide a brief summary of most certification approaches. For all-inclusive information, please visit www.alsde.edu/edcert. Information contained herein is subject to change.
CONTACT INFORMATION
EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE
The Emergency Certificate:

- Is valid July 1 to June 30 for two consecutive scholastic years and can be reissued once for an additional two consecutive scholastic years.
- May be issued in no more than two teaching fields and/or areas of instructional support; both must be requested at the time of application and cannot be changed after the certificate has been issued.
- Will not be issued for driver and traffic safety education, school psychometry, school psychology, speech-language pathology, or any special education teaching field including gifted.
- Will not be issued to an individual who holds a valid Alabama Professional Educator or Professional Leadership certificate.
- Can be issued to an individual who held an Emergency Certificate prior to the 2019-2020 scholastic year. Any Emergency Certificates issued prior to the 2019-2020 scholastic year are voided.
Emergency Certificate

If the individual is skipping a year while on the Provisional Certificate in a teaching field or Interim Employment Certificate Approach, the certificate will be valid July 1 to June 30 for one scholastic year. The option for one scholastic year will only be issued in these cases.

• It is strongly encouraged while the initial Emergency Certificate (valid for two years) is held, the LEA/eligible nonpublic/private school works with the individual to begin a path that leads to professional certification.

• Ala. Code §16-23-3(e) (1975), "time served as a teacher pursuant to an emergency certificate shall not be counted in determining continuing service status pursuant to Section 16-24-2."

Requirements

• Application submitted and signed by the employing LEA superintendent nonpublic/private school administrator.

• At least an earned bachelor's degree from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was conferred.
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE
Career and Technical Education Temporary Certificate

The Career and Technical Temporary Certificate:

• Is valid July 1 to June 30 for two consecutive scholastic years and can be reissued once for an additional two consecutive scholastic years.

• May be issued in no more than two technical education program areas or health science; both must be requested at the time of application and cannot be changed after the certificate has been issued.

• Will not be issued to an individual who holds a valid Alabama certificate.

• Can be issued to an individual who held a Career and Technical Temporary Certificate prior to the 2019-2020 scholastic year. Any Career and Technical Temporary Certificates issued prior to the 2019-2020 scholastic year are voided.
Career and Technical Education Temporary Certificate

It is strongly encouraged that while the initial Career and Technical Temporary Certificate is held, the LEA works with the individual to begin the Degree Equivalent Certificate Approach.

• Ala. Code §16-23-3(e) (1975), "time served as a teacher pursuant to an emergency certificate shall not be counted in determining continuing service status pursuant to Section 16-24-2."

Requirements

• Application submitted and signed by the employing LEA superintendent/private school administrator.

• For Health Science: Submission of a photocopy or screenshot of the applicant’s active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or an approved allied health specialty.

• For the Technical Education Program Area of Cosmetology: Submission of a photocopy or screenshot of the applicant’s valid Alabama Cosmetology Instructor license.
PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE IN A TEACHING FIELD (PCTF)
Available for certain 4-8, 6-12, or K-12 teaching fields and certain 6-12 career and technical teaching fields:

• The Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field and Provisional Certificate in a Career and Technical Teaching Field have been combined.

• Application submitted and signed by an employing Alabama county/city superintendent or eligible nonpublic/private school administrator.

• Requirements must be met by October 1 and the application must be received no later than October 1.

• In order to be eligible for professional certification at the end of this approach, the applicant must hold the three required provisional certificates within the four scholastic years from July 1 of the beginning date of the first provisional certificate.

• The applicant can be employed in no more than two public school systems and/or eligible nonpublic/private while holding the three required provisional certificates.

• Leads to a Class B Professional Educator Certificate.
1st PCTF

- At least an earned bachelor’s degree with an overall GPA of 2.75 (for bachelor’s degree) and 3.0 (for master’s degree) from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned
- **See Addendum to Supplement FTZ if applicant does not have the required GPA**
- Passing score(s) on the Alabama-prescribed Praxis subject area test(s) for the teaching field
  - In teaching fields where a Praxis test is not available:
    - An academic major in the teaching field, or
    - 30 semester hours of earned credit in the teaching field with at least 18 of the hours at the upper division level
2nd PCTF

• A full year of full-time appropriate teaching experience while holding the first certificate

• Credit earned in two of the four areas of ALSDE-prescribed coursework (classroom management, evaluation of teaching and learning, special needs, and specific methods of teaching in the area of certification sought).

• An individual who holds a valid professional educator certificate in a teaching field is only required to earn credit for the specific methods of teaching course to meet the coursework requirements of this approach.

• For Career and Technical Education Teaching Fields (Business/Marketing Education, Computer Science, Agriscience Education, Family and Consumer Science, and Career Technology): Completion of Session A of the Career and Technical Education Teacher Certification Program (CTE TCP)

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• Appropriate teaching assignment and mentor
3rd PCTF

• A full year of full-time appropriate teaching experience while holding the second certificate
• Credit earned in the remaining two of the four areas of ALSDE-prescribed coursework (classroom management, evaluation of teaching and learning, special needs, and specific methods of teaching in the area of certification sought).
• Appropriate teaching assignment and mentor

Professional Educator Certificate

• Full year of appropriate teaching experience while holding the third certificate
• Passing score on the ALSDE-prescribed Educative Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) Handbook (Praxis PLT test for areas where edTPA Handbook is not available)
• Application no later than October 1 of the year the 3rd certificate expires
Items Frequently Missed when Using the PCTF Approach

Submission of Chalkable/INOW class schedule with 1st PCTF application

• Session A of the Career and Technical Education Teacher Certification Program (CTE TCP) must be completed prior to October 1 of the scholastic year for which the second PCTF in a career and technical education teaching field is to be issued.

• ALSDE-prescribed Praxis PLT/edTPA must be taken and passed on a test administration date prior to October 1 of the scholastic year for which the third PCTF expires. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

• Experience must be verified each year on Supplement EXP. We will verify this information in the Schedules Application.

• Methods of teaching course must be in the teaching field and at the grade level for which certification is sought. Methods course may not be available during summer terms.

• Official transcripts of all credits and degrees earned must be submitted.

• Correct class assignments – applicants must be assigned to no more than one period/block of the day in any course for which proper certification is listed as “any PCTF” or “any Certificate.” For the rest of the day, the applicant must be properly certified according to the specific teaching field and grade level of the PCTF held.
What is edTPA?

It is:

• Performance-based,
• A rigorous process that requires teacher candidates to demonstrate that they have the classroom skills necessary to ensure students are learning, and
• Content-specific.
Questions regarding edTPA

edTPA Resource Library and Online Community at edtpa.aacte.org

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