



**Dyslexia Therapist Endorsement (Certified Academic Language Therapist) Application and Summary of Requirements**

**FORM CAL**

This application is to be completed for individuals seeking the Dyslexia Therapist Endorsement (Certified Academic Language Therapist). A complete application packet must be sent directly to the Educator Certification Section of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE).

PERSONAL DATA					
<i>Legal Name as it appears on government-issued identification.</i>					
Title (e.g., Mr.)	First	Middle	Maiden	Last	Suffix
Street/Apt./P.O. Box/Route and Box			City	State	ZIP Code
Email Address		Cell Number		Work Telephone	
Social Security Number	ALSDE ID		Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy)		

FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY		
Ethnic Origin (Choose one)	Gender (Choose one)	Race (Choose one or more, regardless of Ethnicity)
<input type="checkbox"/> (01) Hispanic Latino <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Not Hispanic Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> (F) Female <input type="checkbox"/> (M) Male	<input type="checkbox"/> (01) White <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> (04) American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Asian <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**PROFESSIONAL STATUS AND CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION**  
 Check "yes" or "no" for each question below. "YES" responses require an attached explanation and any additional supporting documentation (e.g. court certified copies of judgment, conviction, and sentencing).

**READ CAREFULLY**

Yes  No Have you ever had any adverse action (e.g. warning, reprimand, suspension, revocation, denial, voluntary surrender) taken against a professional certificate, license or permit issued by an agency **other than the Alabama State Department of Education?**

Yes  No Are you currently the subject of an investigation involving a violation of a profession's laws, rules, standards or Code of Ethics by an agency **other than the Alabama State Department of Education?**

Yes  No Are you currently the subject of an investigation involving sexual misconduct or physical harm to a child?

Yes  No Have you ever resigned from a position rather than face disciplinary action?

Yes  No Have you ever been convicted of, or entered a plea of no contest to a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation?

Yes  No Are you the subject of a pending investigation involving a criminal act?

RECORD OF EDUCATION				
Degree and Major	Name of College/University	Location	Dates Attended Beginning MM/YY	Dates Attended Ending MM/YY

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**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS and CHECKLIST****Application Forms**

Submission of Supplement CIT with supporting documentation verifying United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States.

Submission of this application Form CAL.

**Nonrefundable Application Fee**

A \$38.00 **nonrefundable** application fee. Each additional certificate for which an applicant is determined to be eligible will require a \$38.00 nonrefundable fee for issuance. **Neither personal checks nor cash will be accepted.**

- The fee must be paid by cashier's check **or** money order made payable to the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) or through the [ALSDE Educator Certification Online Payment System](#), with a major credit card, (a transaction fee will be applied).
- The cashier's check, money order, or copy of the receipt verifying the confirmation number for the online payment must accompany the application packet.

**Background Clearance**

Background clearance is based on a fingerprint review.

- For applicants seeking **initial certification, additional certification, or certificate renewal** to teach in Alabama, your criminal history background checks must have been completed by both the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation (ASBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). You can check the status of your background checks and confirm whether you meet the state's suitability requirements for teaching at <https://tcert.alsde.edu/Portal>.
- For Applicants who **have not** been cleared by both agencies through the Educator Certification Section of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), you will need to undergo fingerprinting for a criminal history background check. Details on how to complete the background review process can be found at <https://www.alabamaachieves.org/teacher-center/teacher-certification/>. If you have any questions about our criminal history background check process, you can contact us at (334) 694-4557 or [bgr@alsde.edu](mailto:bgr@alsde.edu).
- Applicants may verify receipt of their criminal history results at the ALSDE by visiting <https://tcert.alsde.edu/Portal/Public/Pages/SearchCerts.aspx>. If your results are not located, or you have questions about your status, please allow 10 business days from the date of fingerprint submission before making an inquiry.

**Educator Certification**

I hold a **valid** Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in a teaching field.  
The following are not teaching fields: instructional leadership, areas of educational administration and supervision, school counseling, school library-media specialist, school psychometry, school psychology, and sport management.

I hold a **valid** professional credential as a Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT). A copy of my credential is included with the application packet.

- I have successfully completed an International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council endorsed training course.
- I have passed the Academic Language Therapy Association's Certified Academic Language Therapy Assessment.

Effective May 31, 2023, the CALT-Candidate indication on the Academic Language Therapy Association website will not be accepted for issuance of the Dyslexia Therapist endorsement.

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION and ATTESTATIONS**

I understand the Educator Certification Section is unable to determine eligibility for Alabama certification until all required application components have been received and reviewed. Additional information may be requested upon review of the file. The submission of supporting documents ONLY does not constitute making application for certification. Incomplete forms will delay the review of the file.

I understand that I must meet all Alabama certification requirements in effect on the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section. Since certification requirements are subject to change, current requirements may be viewed at <https://www.alabamaachieves.org/> (click *Other Approaches* ⇨ *Dyslexia Therapist Endorsement*).

I understand I must **thoroughly read** all requirements of this approach (Form CAL).

I understand it is my responsibility to keep all personal data on file in the Educator Certification Section current.

I understand it is my responsibility to renew my Professional Certificate(s) and to stay abreast of renewal requirements.

By affixing my signature to this document, I am certifying that true and correct information is being provided. **Failure to submit accurate information may result in revocation or non-issuance of your certificate.**

I have completed the following documents, and I am mailing them to the address at the top of page one:

- Supplement CIT, including supporting documentation
- Form CAL
- Required supporting documentation
- Money order, cashier's check, or receipt verifying online payment of \$38.00 application fee.

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Date

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Signature of Applicant