



Certificate Renewal (Continuation)

This certification approach is for individuals seeking to continue a valid a certificate. This approach applies to the certificates listed below.

The option to continue a certificate without meeting any academic requirements can no longer be used after June 30, 2024. New requirements will be available July 1, 2024.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This Continuation option can ONLY be used for individuals who the:

- **Professional Educator Certificate,**
- **Professional Leadership Certificate,**
- **Class A Speech-Language Pathology Professional Educator Certificate,**
- **Type II or III Career and Technical Certificate** endorsed in technical education and/or a technical education program area or health science,
- **Level 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate** endorsed in technical education and/or a technical education program area,
- **Level 4 or 5 Career and Technical Certificate** endorsed in health science,
- **Specialty Area 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate** endorsed in technical education and/or a technical education program area or health science,
- **Degree Equivalent 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate** endorsed in a technical education program area, **or**
- **Degree Equivalent 2, 3, or 4 Career and Technical Certificate** endorsed in health science.

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY

	A \$38.00 <i>nonrefundable</i> application fee. A transaction fee will be applied.
	Background clearance based on a fingerprint review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants may verify whether their Alabama State Bureau of Investigation (ASBI) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal history background checks have been completed and whether they are suitable and fit to teach under state law at Certification Search. • Applicants for initial certification, additional certification, and certificate renewal who have not been cleared by both the ASBI and FBI through the Educator Certification Section of the ALSDE are required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the ASBI and FBI. • Instructions regarding the fingerprint process are available through Gemalto Cogent or by calling (866) 989-9316.
	For Computer Science : The applicant must hold a currently valid passing score(s)/license(s) on an available ALSDE approved ENTRY LEVEL or MASTER LEVEL occupational proficiency assessment is required. The current occupational proficiency requirements may be obtained at Alabama State Department of Education (click Teachers & Administrators ⇨ Teacher Center ⇨ Teacher Certification ⇨ CAREER/TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES – TECHNICAL EDUCATION). The score(s) must have been attained prior to the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section.
	For Cosmetology : The applicant must hold a currently valid Alabama Cosmetology Instructor license is required. The currently active license must have been attained prior to the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section.
	For Health Science : The applicant must hold a currently active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or approved allied health specialty is required. The currently active license must have been attained prior to the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section.

Applicants are encouraged to read this document in its entirety to ensure requirements are met to apply. To apply through this approach, visit [Teacher Certification](#) (click *Certificate Renewal*) and follow provided instructions.