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**The Sixth-Year Technical Education 5 Career and Technical Certificate in a Technical Education Program  
 Area Approach 2025-2026**

**FORM SY5**

The application process for the Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 Career and Technical Certificate **may be completed when all requirements for the Master's Equivalent 4 Career and Technical Certificate in a Technical Education Program have been met.**

<b>PERSONAL DATA</b>					
<b>Legal name as it appears on government-issued identification</b>					
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)	
<b>FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY</b>					
<b>Ethnic Origin (Choose one)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Hispanic Latino <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Not Hispanic Latino		<b>Gender (Choose one)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (F) Female <input type="checkbox"/> (M) Male		<b>Race (Choose one or more, regardless of Ethnicity)</b> <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	
<b>PROFESSIONAL STATUS AND CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION</b>					
Check "yes" or "no" for each question below. <b>"YES"</b> responses require an attached explanation and any additional supporting documentation (e.g. court certified copies of judgment, conviction, and sentencing).					
<b>READ CAREFULLY</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <b><u>other than the Alabama State Department of Education?</u></b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <b><u>other than the Alabama State Department of Education?</u></b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Are you currently the subject of an investigation involving sexual misconduct or physical harm to a child?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Have you ever resigned from a position rather than face disciplinary action?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Are you the subject of a pending investigation involving a criminal act?					
<b>RECORD OF EDUCATION</b>					
Degree and Major	Name of College/University	Location	Dates Attended Beginning MM/YY	Dates Attended Ending MM/YY	

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

This application is to be completed by individuals seeking the Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 Career and Technical Certificate in a technical education program area(s) and submitted directly to the Educator Certification Section.

**All requirements** must be met for the Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 Career and Technical Certificate in a technical education program area(s) **prior to** the date the application for the Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 Career and Technical Certificate in a technical education program area(s) is received in the Educator Certification Section.

**CAREER AND TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AREAS**

Certificates	Degree Equivalency	Valid Period	Renewable
Bachelor's Equivalent Technical Education 1	Bachelor's	Minimum of 2 years <sup>A</sup>	No
Bachelor's Equivalent Technical Education 2	Bachelor's	Minimum of 5 years <sup>B</sup>	Yes
Master's Equivalent Technical Education 3	Master's	Minimum of 5 years <sup>B</sup>	Yes
Master's Equivalent Technical Education 4	Master's	Minimum of 5 years <sup>B</sup>	Yes
Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5	Sixth-year	Minimum of 5 years <sup>B</sup>	Yes

<sup>A</sup> Bachelor's Equivalent Technical Education 1 Certificates are valid from the date of issuance through the remainder of the same scholastic year, and thereafter, for the next two consecutive scholastic years.

<sup>B</sup> These Career and Technical Certificates are valid from the date of issuance through the remainder of the same scholastic year, and thereafter, for the next five consecutive scholastic years.

**If you hold/held ONLY a Level, Type, or Specialty Certificate, please contact the Educator Certification Section for advisement.**

**APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST FOR SIXTH-YEAR EQUIVALENT 5 – TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Required for issuance of the Sixth-Year Equivalent 5 Career and Technical Certificate in Technical Education.

*Boxes are to be checked, as applicable.*

**Application Forms**

- ☐ Supplement CIT Form with supporting documentation verifying United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States.
- ☐ Application **Form SY5**.

**Nonrefundable Application Fee**

- ☐ A \$38.00 **nonrefundable** application fee. **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**

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- 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 [Certificate Search](#).
  - 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 [Alabama Achieves - 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 [Certificate Search](#). 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.

**Occupational Proficiency**

- ☐ A photocopy of the applicant's Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) approved **MASTER LEVEL** Occupational Proficiency in the technical education program area(s) for which the certificate is sought. The proficiency must have been attained **prior to** the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section. Refer to the chart in the [AVAILABLE TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AREAS](#) section of this form for additional information.

1. Information about the ALSDE-approved Occupational Proficiency in the technical education program area(s) for which the certificate is sought may be obtained at [Alabama Achieves](#) (click Teachers & Administrators ⇨ Teacher Center ⇨ Teacher Certification ⇨ Career and Technical Certificates ⇨ Degree Equivalent Certificate - Technical Education).

**NOTE: The Occupational Proficiency is reviewed and updated annually. The Occupational Proficiency expires on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each scholastic year.** It is the applicant's responsibility to know the Occupational Proficiency for his/her program area(s), which must be met prior to applying for a Degree Equivalent Technical Education certificate.

2. The Occupational Proficiency is approved by the ALSDE at the **ENTRY LEVEL** and the **MASTER LEVEL**. The **ENTRY LEVEL** meets requirements for the Bachelor's Equivalent Technical Education 1 and the Bachelor's Equivalent Technical Education 2 Certificates. The **MASTER LEVEL** may be used to meet requirements for any level certificate, but is required for the Master's Equivalent Technical Education 3, Master's Equivalent Technical Education 4, and Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 Certificates.

One of the following must be met by the applicant for issuance of the Master's Equivalent Technical Education 4 Certificate:

- ☐ The technical education program area(s) of the applicant **does not require** or **allow** an NCCER test. The applicant must verify a currently valid ALSDE-approved **MASTER LEVEL** Occupational Proficiency ;

**OR**

- ☐ If the technical education program area(s) of the applicant **requires an NCCER test OR an available optional ALSDE-approved MASTER LEVEL** Occupational Proficiency, the applicant must verify **one** of the following:
- ☐ A currently valid, available, optional ALSDE-approved **MASTER LEVEL** Occupational Proficiency; or
  - ☐ The cut score(s) established by NCCER, which is included on the specifications available for each of the specific industry craft assessments, for the **MASTER LEVEL** NCCER test.

- ☐ **For each program area** sought, indicate the appropriate ALSDE-approved Occupational Proficiency being submitted.

Program Area (e.g., agriscience, plumbing)	Grade Level (6-12)	Name of ALSDE-approved Occupational Proficiency	Date ALSDE-approved Occupational Proficiency Taken and Passed
	6-12		
	6-12		
	6-12		
	6-12		
	6-12		

**REQUIRED PREREQUISITE CERTIFICATES AND TRAINING****Documentation of required prerequisite certificate:**

- All prerequisite Career and Technical Certificates must be valid or all requirements must be met for eligibility to hold the valid certificate(s) prior to the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section.
- All prerequisite Career and Technical Certificates in Options 1 and 2 must be in the technical education program area(s) for which the Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 certificate is sought.

**Option 1:** A *valid* Master's Equivalent Technical Education 4 Career and Technical Certificate:

**Option 2:** If the Master's Equivalent Technical Education 4 Career and Technical Certificate *has not been held or has expired*, all requirements for the Master's Equivalent Technical Education 4 Career and Technical Certificate must have been met by the applicant **prior to** the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section.

- ☐ Submission of Form MT4, the *Application for the Master's Equivalent Technical Education 4 Career and Technical Certificate in a Technical Education Program Area*, with the required supporting documents.

**REQUIREMENTS**

For issuance of the Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 Career and Technical Certificate in a Technical Education Program Area, verification that one of the following two options was met prior to the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section:

**Option 1:** At least a valid Alabama Class A Professional Educator Certificate in any teaching field or area of instructional support **or** a valid Alabama Class A Professional Leadership Certificate is held on the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section.

**Option 2:** A master's degree from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned in the technical education program area or in an area related to the program area for which the Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 Career and Technical Certificate is sought. The master's degree must have been earned prior to the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section:

- ☐ Submission of the official transcript of the applicant's master's degree.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

**AVAILABLE TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AREAS****Indicate the program area(s) being requested****Grades 6-12**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Additive Manufacturing*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Flight Technology*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Advertising Design*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Graphic Arts*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Agriscience*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVACR) <sup>##</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Animation*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Industrial Maintenance – Electrical and Instrumentation (E&I) <sup>##</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Automotive Service*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Industrial Maintenance – Mechanical <sup>##</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Aviation Technology*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Information Technology Support and Services*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Business, Finance, Marketing, Administration*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: JAG Specialist*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Clothing, Textiles, and Interior Design*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Law Enforcement*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Collision Repair*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Legal Services*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Commercial Photography*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Logistics*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Computer Science*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Lodging*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Construction Technology*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Masonry <sup>##</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Consumer Services*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Modern Manufacturing*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Correctional Service*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Nutrition and Wellness*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Cosmetology and Barbering*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Plumbing <sup>##</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Culinary Arts*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Precision Machining*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Cybersecurity and Infrastructure*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Real Estate*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Diesel Technology*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Robotics & Automation*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Early Childhood Education*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Sports, Recreation, and Attractions*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Educators in Training*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Technical Design*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Electrical Technology <sup>##</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Travel and Tourism*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Electronics Technology*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Utility Line Worker*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Emergency and Fire Management Services*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Welding*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Engineering*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Working in Multicultural Environments: Korean*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Entertainment and Media*		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Education: Family Studies and Community Services*		

\*These technical education program areas require verification of currently valid Occupational Proficiency for issuance of the Master's Equivalent Technical Education 3, Master's Equivalent Technical Education 4, and Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 Career and Technical Certificates.

<sup>##</sup>For issuance of the Master's Equivalent Technical Education 3, Master's Equivalent Technical Education 4, and Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 Career and Technical Certificates, one of the following is required:

- Verification of a currently valid passing score/license on an available optional (non-NCCER) ALSDE-approved MASTER LEVEL Occupational Proficiency assessment; or
- Verification of the cut score established by NCCER, which is included in the specifications available for each of the specific industry craft assessments.

**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.

~I understand the submission of supporting documents ONLY (e.g., official transcripts) does not constitute making an 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.

~I understand that **APPLICATION FORMS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED BY FAX OR E-MAIL.**

~I understand that I must **thoroughly read** all requirements of this approach (Form SY5).

~I understand issuance of **each** Degree Equivalent Technical Education Career and Technical Certificate in certain technical education program areas (indicated with an \* in the [AVAILABLE TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AREAS](#) section of this form) requires verification of a currently valid appropriate ALSDE-approved **ENTRY LEVEL** (for the Bachelor's Equivalent Technical Education 1 and 2 certificates) or **MASTER LEVEL** (for the Master's Equivalent Technical Education 3 and above certificates) Occupational Proficiency. I also understand the ALSDE-approved Occupational Proficiency must be attained prior to the date the application for a subsequent Degree Equivalent Career and Technical Certificate in technical education program areas indicated with an \* in the [AVAILABLE TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AREAS](#) section of this form is received in the Educator Certification Section.

~I understand the Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 Certificate in certain technical education program areas requires either the cut (passing) score established by NCCER for the specific **MASTER LEVEL** NCCER test(s) or a currently valid optional ALSDE-approved **MASTER LEVEL** Occupational Proficiency. I have reviewed the chart in the [AVAILABLE TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AREAS](#) section of this form for the technical education program areas (indicated with a ##) which require this verification. If my technical education program area is one of the program areas indicated with a ##, prior to the date my application for the Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 Certificate is received in the Educator Certification Section I must have:

- Earned the cut score (that is, the passing score) established by NCCER for the specific **MASTER LEVEL** NCCER industry craft assessment for my technical education program area(s); OR
- Earned a currently valid available optional ALSDE-approved **MASTER LEVEL** Occupational Proficiency for my technical education program area(s).

~I understand I must meet the **current** Occupational Proficiency for any subsequent Degree Equivalent Certificates as outlined on the current Occupational Proficiency document for that scholastic year. \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant's Initials**

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

~I understand that by affixing my signature to this document, I am certifying that true and correct information is being provided.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed the following documents, and I am mailing them to the address below:

- ☐ Supplement CIT, including supporting documentation
- ☐ Form SY5
- ☐ Money order, cashier's check, or receipt verifying online payment of \$38.00 application fee
- ☐ Required Supporting Documentation

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