

Early Childhood Development to Professional Educator Certificate Approach

This certification approach is for individuals who have held the Early Childhood Development Certificate for birth through age 4 based on completion of a bachelor's level National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accredited program in child development for birth through age 4. The certificate issued through this approach will be a Class B (bachelor's degree level) Birth through Age 4 Professional Educator Certificate. ***This is not an application;*** this document provides general information and outlines requirements.

REQUIREMENTS	
	A \$38.00 <i>nonrefundable</i> application fee. Each additional certificate for which an applicant is determined to be eligible will require a \$38 nonrefundable fee for issuance. A transaction fee will be applied.
	Verification of United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States.
	Background clearance 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 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. - 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.
	Supplement CD2 verifying completion of the required three full years of full-time classroom teaching experience, as the teacher of record, in a school approved by the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education AND all required training approved by the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education. The experience and training must have been completed while holding the Early Childhood Development Certificate. Supplement CD2 must be completed by appropriate administrator with the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education. The completed Supplement CD2 is to be forwarded to the Educator Certification Section at the above address.

Applicants are encouraged to read this document in its entirety to ensure requirements are met to apply. To apply through this approach, visit [Alabama Achieves - Teacher Certification](#) (click *Other Approaches: Early Childhood Development*) and follow provided instructions.