

Continuation Requirements for Professional Educator Certificates, Professional Leadership Certificates, and renewable Career and Technical Certificates that Expire June 30, 2027

To continue a certificate is to update the certificate without allowing it to lapse.

The Educator Certification Section is **phasing in new renewal requirements**. Individuals whose certificates expire June 30, 2027, will only meet a portion of the new requirements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This is not an application; this document provides general information and outlines requirements.

All requirements to continue a certificate must be completed during the certificate's valid period and by the date of expiration reflected on the certificate. **Certificates are not continued prior to the calendar year of their expiration.**

The application to continue a certificate must be received in the Educator Certification Section of the ALSDE **between January 1 and June 30 of the calendar year of the certificate's expiration.**

Individuals continuing a renewable Career and Technical Certificate in Cosmetology & Barbering, or Health Science will also have to meet an occupational proficiency requirement.

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO RENEW?

Ten clock hours of professional learning in educator ethics.

A listing of approved providers for educator ethics will be posted by October 1, 2026.

- Alabama county/city superintendents and administrators of eligible Alabama nonpublic/private schools are also approved providers.

REQUIREMENTS

	Submission of the online application.
	Verification of United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States.
	A \$38.00 nonrefundable application fee. A transaction fee will be applied.
	Background clearance based on a fingerprint review.
	- For applicants seeking certificate renewal 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). After 10 business days from the date of fingerprint submission you can check the status of your background check 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.
	The appropriate valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate, Professional Leadership, or renewable Career and Technical Certificate.
	Verification of 10 clock hours of approved educator ethics training.
	If a renewable Career and Technical Certificate in Cosmetology & Barbering, or Health Science is held, the following must also be attained and submitted, prior to the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section:
	Cosmetology & Barbering: A currently valid Alabama Cosmetology and Barbering Instructor licenses.
	Health Science: A currently active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or approved allied health specialty.

Applicants are encouraged to read this document in its entirety to ensure requirements are met to apply. The online application to apply through this approach will be available January 1 through June 30, 2027. Visit [Alabama Achieves - Teacher Certification](#) (click *Certificate Renewal*) and follow provided instructions.