



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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 To: Local Educational Agency Leads
 Route To: Human Resources Directors
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Certification Regulatory Amendments

The New Jersey State Board of Education recently adopted regulatory amendments at [N.J.A.C. 6A:9](#) Professional Standards, [N.J.A.C. 6A:9A](#) New Jersey Educator Preparation Programs, [N.J.A.C. 6A:9B](#) State Board of Examiners and Certification, and [N.J.A.C. 6A:9C](#) Professional Development. The goals of these amendments are to ensure that every student, school, and local educational agency (LEA) has access to well-trained, effective educators who meet the needs of their communities, and to increase diversity and the supply of educators, while maintaining New Jersey’s high standards for educators.

Summary of Chapter 9 Amendments

- Ensure equity and access
 - Non-citizen certificate holders may renew certificates up to three times; and
 - Streamlined reciprocity requirements.
- Certification flexibilities
 - Multiple options for candidates to demonstrate basic skills for instructional and Career and Technical Education (CTE) certification;
 - Substitute credential requires 30 semester hours;
 - Teaching and out-of-state experience may count toward the CTE substitute credential; and
 - Expanded authorization for bilingual/bicultural endorsement holders.
- Additional endorsement pathways for currently certified teachers
 - Streamlined pathway for certified science teachers to seek additional science endorsements; and
 - Middle school teachers can seek middle school with subject-matter specialization in STEM and humanities endorsements.
- New certificates and endorsements (coming soon)
 - Bilingual paraprofessional credential;
 - Early literacy specialist;
 - Computer science;
 - Temporary military spouse;
 - Early college high school; and
 - Alternate-route reciprocity.

Additional Information

- For Information about certification requirements and the application process, please visit the [Certification Website](#).
- New certifications as outlined above will be available in Fall of 2023. Candidates will apply through [NJEdCert](#).
- LEA certification and human resources personnel are encouraged to attend the virtual district certification trainings on July 11, 2023 or July 25, 2023. Please see information below:

Date/Time	Link
Tuesday, July 11, 2023 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	TEAMS Live
Tuesday, July 25, 2023 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	TEAMS Live

- All certification questions can be submitted directly to customer service staff by creating a service case within [NJEdCert](#).

c: Members, State Board of Education
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