



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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## Supporting New Jersey's Military Toward a Career in Teaching

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) recognizes and values the personal and professional sacrifices made by our nation's military personnel and their families. The NJDOE is pleased to announce our efforts to support military personnel and spouses who wish to pursue a career in teaching.

### Key Areas of Support

In May 2023, the NJDOE adopted two administrative codes to support military personnel and nonresident active-duty spouses in earning a state teaching certification. N.J.A.C. [6A:9B – 5.6\(c\)](#) states that certification fees shall be waived once for military personnel and nonresident active-duty military spouses for an initial New Jersey application. N.J.A.C. [6A:9B – 8.10](#) details the creation of a temporary certification for certain nonresident active-duty military spouses. This certification is available as an option in the event eligibility is not met for a certificate of eligibility (CE), certificate of eligibility with advanced standing (CEAS) or standard certification.

The NJDOE has designated a military liaison to assist military personnel with education and certification related questions, as well as a dedicated examiner to expedite the review of complete applications. The NJDOE also offers [guidance](#) on the [NJDOE website](#) for military personnel and spouses that provides information for entering the educator workforce.

### Contact Information

For more [information](#), please contact the NJDOE military liaison at [military@doe.nj.gov](mailto:military@doe.nj.gov).

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