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Subsidies Available for New Jersey Teachers Seeking National Certification

The New Jersey Department of Education is making available subsidies for 64 teachers interested in applying for national teacher certification in 2001-02. The subsidies, in the amount of \$1,150 each, will underwrite half of the national certification application cost of \$2,300.

Practicing teachers have until November 15, 2001 to apply for the \$1,150 stipends. They must possess a bachelor's degree, have a minimum of three years of teaching experience and hold a valid New Jersey teaching certificate for three years. Candidates will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.

National certification requirements are completed over nine months in a rigorous process that includes developing portfolios of teachers' classroom practices, a video of a classroom presentation, written assessments, and documentation of community and professional experiences. Participants must demonstrate what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do in accordance with standards adopted by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

For an application(s) and more information about national certification, contact Maria Rosado, coordinator for the NBPTS Subsidy Program at 609-633-8014 or e-mail her at maria.rosado@doe.nj.gov. For additional information, you can visit the department's website at

http://www.nj.gov/education/archive/educators/recognition/educators/resources/nbct/ or the NBPTS website at www.nbpts.org.