



## Guide to Out-of-State Teaching Credentials

One of the requirements for issuance of a Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Education Specialist Teaching Credential to an out-of-state prepared applicant is possession of a professional-level teaching credential. “Professional-level teaching credential” is defined in 5 California Code of Regulations §80413.3(c)(5) as a teaching credential issued by another state or U.S. territory that is, at a minimum, comparable to a California five-year preliminary teaching credential.

The attached chart shows document titles issued in other US states and the District of Columbia that meet California’s definition of a professional-level teaching credential, as well as those that do not. Some “alternative” and “provisional” credentials are listed in the “Not Acceptable” column because they are issued to individuals who have not yet completed a comparable teacher preparation program. The chart also includes links to pages on the websites of other states that provide relevant credential information.

**THIS CHART IS ONLY A GUIDE.** It could be described as a “moving target” in that it will change as states change their certification requirements or document titles. Such changes could affect the status of document titles currently listed on the chart. **Therefore, any out-of-state credential submitted is still subject to review on a case-by-case basis.** The chart will be updated as new information is gathered. If you have questions regarding the status of out-of-state credentials that do not appear on this chart, write to [credentials@ctc.ca.gov](mailto:credentials@ctc.ca.gov) for more information.

## OUT-OF-STATE TEACHING CREDENTIALS

State	Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Link
Alabama	Professional Educator Certificate Retired License	Alternative Baccalaureate Certificate Provisional Certificate	<a href="http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/home.aspx">http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/home.aspx</a>
Alaska	Professional/Type A Certificate Master Certificate	Initial - does not require passage of content area exams and may or may not have completed teacher prep program	<a href="http://www.eed.state.ak.us/TeacherCertification/Certification.html">http://www.eed.state.ak.us/TeacherCertification/Certification.html</a>
Arizona	Provisional – watch renewal requirements on AZ credential! Standard	Intern Reciprocal Provisional Subject Matter Expert Certificate	<a href="http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/">http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/</a>
Arkansas	Standard License	Initial License (does not require tprep) Provisional License Professional Teaching Permit	<a href="http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/human-resources-educator-effectiveness-and-licensure/educator-licensure-unit">http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/human-resources-educator-effectiveness-and-licensure/educator-licensure-unit</a>
Colorado	Initial License Professional License	Alternative Teacher License	<a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_license.htm">http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_license.htm</a>
Connecticut	Initial Educator Certificate Provisional Educator Cert Professional Educator Cert	Interim Educator Certificate	<a href="http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&amp;q=321314">http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&amp;q=321314</a>
Delaware	Initial License Continuing License Advanced License	Emergency Certificate Standard Certificate (dependent doc.) Paraeducator Permit	<a href="https://deeds.doe.k12.de.us/certificate/deeds_docs.aspx">https://deeds.doe.k12.de.us/certificate/deeds_docs.aspx</a>
District of Columbia	Regular II Standard	Regular I (2-YR, non-renewable) Transitional (1-YR, non-renewable) Initial (nonrenewable-may not have completed tprep)	<a href="https://osse.dc.gov/ed-credentials">https://osse.dc.gov/ed-credentials</a>
Florida	Professional Certificate	Temporary Certificate – nonrenewable and does not require completion of tprep	<a href="http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/cert_types.asp">http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/cert_types.asp</a>

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Georgia	Clear Renewable Performance-Based Life Standard Professional Teaching certificate (SRT) Advanced Professional Lead Professional Induction Certificate (Pathways 1-3)* Five (5)-Year Induction Certificate *Must check test results for passing scores. Must be 250 or above on GACE in the two categories.	Non-Renewable Professional Non-Renewable Non-Professional ADAC Core Academic Clinical Practice Induction Certificate Pathway 4 Intern International Exchange One-Year Supervised Practicum Waiver Adjunct	<a href="http://www.gapsc.com/Certification/TieredCertification/tieredCertification.aspx">http://www.gapsc.com/Certification/TieredCertification/tieredCertification.aspx</a>
Hawaii	Standard License Advanced License Provisional (issued 7/1/2015 or later)	Provisional (issued 6/30/2015 or earlier)	<a href="http://www.htsb.org/licensing-permits/licensing-permits-overview/">http://www.htsb.org/licensing-permits/licensing-permits-overview/</a>
Idaho	Initial Certificate Standard Certificate	Interim Certificate	<a href="http://sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/">http://sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/</a>
Illinois	Initial Standard Master	Alternative Teacher Resident Teacher	<a href="http://www.isbe.state.il.us/licensure/requirements/toc.htm">http://www.isbe.state.il.us/licensure/requirements/toc.htm</a>
Indiana	Initial Practitioner License Practitioner License Professional License	Reciprocal Permit Workplace Specialist Transition to Teaching License	<a href="http://www.doe.in.gov/licensing">www.doe.in.gov/licensing</a>
Iowa	Initial License Standard License Master Educator License	Class A License Exchange License	<a href="http://www.iowa.gov/boee/require.html">http://www.iowa.gov/boee/require.html</a>
Kansas	Conditional/Initial License Professional License Accomplished License	Exchange - oos trprep missing KS rqnmts 1-Yr Non-Renewable – missing tests Provisional – partial completion for added auth Restricted Teaching – enrolled in alt tprep	<a href="http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=352">http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=352</a>

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Kentucky	Statement of Eligibility for Provisional Teaching Cert Provisional Teaching Cert Professional Teaching Cert	Emergency Internship	<a href="http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/016/002/010.htm">http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/016/002/010.htm</a>
Louisiana	Professional (Level 1, 2, or 3) Standard (Type A or B) Life	Out-of-State Certificate Practitioner (Type 1, 2, 3, or 4) Extended Endorsement License Temporary Authority to Teach Out-of-Field Auth to Teach Temporary Employment Permit	<a href="https://www.teachlouisiana.net/pdf/licensurestructure.pdf">https://www.teachlouisiana.net/pdf/licensurestructure.pdf</a>
Maine	Provisional Certificate Professional Certificate Master Certificate	Conditional Certificate Targeted Need Certificate Waivers	<a href="http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/05/chaps05.htm">http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/05/chaps05.htm</a> (see page 15 of Chap. 115, Part I)
Maryland	Professional Eligibility Cert Standard Professional Cert I Standard Professional Cert II Advanced Professional Cert	Resident Teacher Certificate Conditional Certificate	<a href="http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/certification/certification_branch/certification_inf/types/">http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/certification/certification_branch/certification_inf/types/</a>
Massachusetts	Initial License Professional License	Preliminary/Provisional License – no tprep Temporary License	<a href="http://www.doe.mass.gov/ese/licensure">http://www.doe.mass.gov/ese/licensure</a>
Michigan	Provisional Certificate Professional Education Cert	Interim Teaching Certificate Temporary Teacher Employment Auth	<a href="http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/Facts_About_Teacher_Certification_In_Michigan_230612_7.pdf">http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/Facts_About_Teacher_Certification_In_Michigan_230612_7.pdf</a>

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Minnesota	Professional License Tier 3 and Tier 4	Limited Full-Time License Intern License Tier 1, Tier 2 and Variances	<a href="http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/EdExc/Licen/index.html">http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/EdExc/Licen/index.html</a>
Mississippi	5-Yr Educator License – Approved Program Route (Class A, AA, AAA, or AAAA) 5-Yr Educator License – Alternate Route (Class A, AA, AAA, or AAAA) 5-Yr Educator License – Reciprocity (Class A, AA, AAA, or AAAA)	1-Yr Alternate Route License 3-Yr Alternate Route License 2-Yr Educator License – Reciprocity	<a href="http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/docs/educator-licensure/september-2015-licensure-guidelines-document-revised-for-apa-(updated).pdf?sfvrsn=0">http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/docs/educator-licensure/september-2015-licensure-guidelines-document-revised-for-apa-(updated).pdf?sfvrsn=0</a>
Missouri	Initial Certificate Career Continuous Certificate Lifetime – no longer issued	Provisional – may need exams or tprep Temporary – no tprep; employer requested	<a href="http://dese.mo.gov/education-quality/certification/teachers">http://dese.mo.gov/education-quality/certification/teachers</a>
Montana	Class 2: Standard Class 1: Professional	Class 5: Alternative – needs tprep & exams	<a href="http://www.opi.mt.gov/cert/index.html">http://www.opi.mt.gov/cert/index.html</a>
Nebraska	Initial Teaching Certificate Professional Teaching Cert Standard Teaching Certificate	Provisional Commitment Teaching Cert Provisional Teaching Certificate Temporary Teaching Certificate Transitional Teaching Certificate	<a href="http://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/pdfs/TERMS.pdf">http://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/pdfs/TERMS.pdf</a>
Nevada	Standard Teaching License Professional Teaching License Retiree License	Non Renewable License – may be okay; check listed renewal requirements Alternative License (Intern level document) Provisional – may be okay; check listed renewal requirements	<a href="http://www.doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensure/">http://www.doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensure/</a>

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New Hampshire	Beginner Educator Certificate Experienced Educator Certificate Master Teacher Certificate	Intern	<a href="http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/ed500.html">http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/ed500.html</a>
New Jersey	Certificate of Eligibility w/ Advanced Standing (Traditional) Provisional (Traditional Route) Standard Non-Citizen Standard	Certificate of Eligibility (Alternative) Provisional (Alternative Route)	<a href="http://www.state.nj.us/education/educators/license/teacher/">http://www.state.nj.us/education/educators/license/teacher/</a>
New Mexico	Level I, Level II, Level III-A	Pre-Level I (intern)	
New York	Initial Certificate Professional Certificate Provisional Cert (prior to 2/2/04) Permanent Cert (Prov upgrade)	Conditional Initial Internship Certificate Transitional B Transitional C Exchange Permit Visiting Lecturer	<a href="http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/typesofcerts.html">http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/typesofcerts.html</a>
North Carolina	Professional Educator's Initial License Professional Educator's Continuing License Standard Professional I Standard Professional 2	Initial Provisional Lateral Entry Professional Educator License	<a href="http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/licensure/steps/">http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/licensure/steps/</a>
North Dakota	Initial 2-Yr Renewal Regular 30-Yr Life Other State Educator License	40-Day Provisional Alternate License Out-of-State Reciprocal Interim/Emergency Clinical Practice	<a href="http://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure/types.html">http://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure/types.html</a>

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Ohio	Resident Educator License Alternative Resident Educator Professional Educator License Senior Professional Educator Lead Professional Educator	Visiting International Teacher Out-of-State License	<a href="http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Educator-Licensure/Apply-for-Certificate-License/Educator-License-Types-and-Descriptions">http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Educator-Licensure/Apply-for-Certificate-License/Educator-License-Types-and-Descriptions</a>
Oklahoma	Standard Certificate	3-YR Credential based on alternative program 1-YR Provisional Credential based on non-traditional program	<a href="http://sde.ok.gov/sde/traditional-path-oklahoma-teacher-certification#steps">http://sde.ok.gov/sde/traditional-path-oklahoma-teacher-certification#steps</a>
Oregon	Basic Teaching (prior to 1/1999) Continuing Teaching Initial Teaching Preliminary Teaching Standard Teaching	Emergency Teaching NCLB Alternative Route Teaching Restricted Transitional Teaching Transitional Teaching	<a href="http://www.oregon.gov/tspc/Pages/first-time-license.aspx">http://www.oregon.gov/tspc/Pages/first-time-license.aspx</a>
Pennsylvania	Level I (Instructional or Ed Spec) Level II (instructional or Ed Spec)	Emergency Permit	<a href="http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/pa_certification/8635/emergency_permits/977759">http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/pa_certification/8635/emergency_permits/977759</a>
Rhode Island	Cert of Eligibility of Employment Provisional (no longer issued) Initial Educator Certificate (valid for three years) Professional Educator Certificate (valid for five years) Advanced Educator Certificate (valid for seven years).	Alternative Route Preliminary Emergency Preliminary Expert Residency Preliminary Temporary Initial Educator Certificate (valid for only one year) Visiting Lecturer Preliminary	<a href="http://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Teachers-and-Administrators-Excellent-Educators/Educator-Certification/Cert-main-page/Regulations-Governing-the-Certification-of-Educators-in-Rhode-Island.pdf">http://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Teachers-and-Administrators-Excellent-Educators/Educator-Certification/Cert-main-page/Regulations-Governing-the-Certification-of-Educators-in-Rhode-Island.pdf</a>

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South Carolina	Initial Certificate Professional Certificate	International Certificate Internship Certificate Temporary Certificate Transitional Certificate	<a href="http://www.ed.sc.gov/educators/certification">www.ed.sc.gov/educators/certification</a>
South Dakota	5-Yr Teaching Certificate	1-Yr Teaching Certificate	<a href="http://www.doe.sd.gov/oatg/teachercert.aspx">http://www.doe.sd.gov/oatg/teachercert.aspx</a>
Tennessee	Apprentice Teacher License (no longer issued) Professional Teacher License	Alternative License Interim B License Transitional License Practitioner Teacher License (unless you are certain they completed tprep)	<a href="http://www.tn.gov/education/section/licensing">http://www.tn.gov/education/section/licensing</a>
Texas	Standard Certificate Life Certificate	Probationary One-Year Certificate Visiting International Certificate Temporary Emergency Certificate	<a href="http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=7073">http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=7073</a>
Utah	Level 1 License Level 2 License Level 3 License	APT-Level I Credential	<a href="http://www.schools.utah.gov/cert/Lic-Requirements/License-Levels.aspx">http://www.schools.utah.gov/cert/Lic-Requirements/License-Levels.aspx</a>
Vermont	Level I Professional Educator Level II Professional Educator	Emergency License Provisional License Teaching Intern License	<a href="http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/pgm_prostandards/vsbpe/rules/educ_5100_licensing_regulations.pdf#page=15">http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/pgm_prostandards/vsbpe/rules/educ_5100_licensing_regulations.pdf#page=15</a>
Virginia	Collegiate Professional License Postgraduate Professional License	International Educator License Local Eligibility License Provisional License Technical Professional License	<a href="http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/">http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/</a>



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Washington	Provisional Certificate (issued before 1987) Residency Certificate Professional Certificate Initial Teacher Cert (prior to 9/1/00) Continuing Teacher Cert (prior to 9/1/00)	Limited Teaching Certificate Temporary Residency Permit	<a href="http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/TeacherMain.aspx">http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/TeacherMain.aspx</a>
West Virginia	Initial Professional Teaching Cert Professional Teaching Certificate Permanent Teaching Cert	Alternative Teaching Cert Temporary Teaching Cert	<a href="http://wvde.state.wv.us/teachwv/certification.html">http://wvde.state.wv.us/teachwv/certification.html</a>
Wisconsin	Provisional Educator License Initial Educator License Lifetime Educator License * Master Educator License Professional Educator License	Emergency License Emergency Permit Intern	<a href="http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/licensing">http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/licensing</a>
Wyoming	Initial Educator License Renewal Educator License	Internship Permit	<a href="http://ptsb.state.wy.us/RulesRegulations/tabid/62/Default.aspx">http://ptsb.state.wy.us/RulesRegulations/tabid/62/Default.aspx</a>

\* Life Licenses were issued prior to July 1, 1983. The 2017 Wisconsin Act 59 enacted September 21, 2017 created a new Lifetime License for educators for these to begin being issued again.