

Language Credentialing

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Out-Of-Country Certificate (MD)

Description

The Out of Country Certificate may be issued to those who have graduated abroad and/or do not have teaching experience or an international certificate. Maryland Department of Education must review each applicant.

Certificate Valid for 5 years

Employment: Not Required

State Information

State: Maryland

Contact Name: Division of Educator Effectiveness

Contact Phone: 866-772-8922

For more information please visit the state website: <http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Certification/index.aspx>

Minimum Academic Background

In most states, teachers must have a minimum academic background for certification.

The following is required for this route:

BA Degree + Completed State Approved Teacher Education Program

Prior Certification: Must Hold Current (STATE) Certification

Basic Skills

In most states, teachers must verify basic skills in English (Reading and Writing) and Mathematics through coursework, exams, or degree evaluations.

The following is required for this route:

English:

Exam(s): One exam is required. ACT also accepted.

- [Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Reading and Writing](#)
- [SAT](#)
- [GRE](#)

Math:

Exam(s): One exam is required. ACT also accepted.

- [Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Mathematics](#)
- [SAT](#)
- [GRE](#)

Notes

In place of the Praxis Core tests, Maryland will accept the following options from candidates: GRE, SAT, ACT

Teacher Preparation

In most states, teachers are required to complete training in education methods through a teacher program.

The following is required for this route:

State Approved Teacher Education Program

Student Teaching

Work Experience

In some states, teachers are required to provide evidence of work experience.

The following is required for this route:

27 months of satisfactory school-related experience on the basis of which application is being made for a like or comparable Maryland teaching certificate during the past 7 years in the certification area sought years.

Content Language and English Language Proficiency

In most states, teachers are required to submit evidence of content language proficiency and English language proficiency through coursework, exams, or degree evaluations.

The following is required for this route:

Content Language Proficiency:

Exam(s): Exams are language specific.

- [ACTFL OPI, WPT](#)
Arabic, Chinese-Mandarin, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese
- [Praxis II \(Chinese-Mandarin, French, German, Latin, Spanish\)](#)

Accept Scores from Out of State

English Language Proficiency: Oral, Written,

Notes:

Must either major in world language, have 30 semester hours of world language coursework, or submit qualifying scores beyond those required for initial certification on content assessment.

Applying to the State

In most states, teachers must apply to the state Individually or through their local School District, or Teacher Program Institution. Requirements for the application are outlined below:

Application Submission: Individual

Form at: http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/NR/rdonlyres/AC0390E0-E16C-412B-B9B8-28ABBA29DBEB/13249/application_2007.pdf

Form Mailing Address:

Maryland State Department of Education Certification Branch 200 W. Baltimore Street Baltimore, MD 21201

Copy of Academic Transcripts: Required

Copy of International Teaching License/Certificate/Credential: Required

Not Accepted

Copy of International Records: Required

Transcript Evaluation Required

URL:

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/msde/divisions/certification/certification_branch/certification_inf/apply/docs/approved_foreign_evaluation.htm

Background Check

Required

Varies by District

Renewal: Renewable

Notes:

Background check/fingerprints not required until the candidate seeks employment with a Maryland local school system.

Renewal requirements are dependent on the initial certificate issued (Professional Eligibility Certificate, Standard Professional Certificate I or Standard Professional Certificate II. For renewal requirements, visit:

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/certification/certification_branch/certification_inf/renew/prior_1995.html

GENERAL NOTES FOR THIS ROUTE