



How Best To Support Educators with Certification

June 8, 2022

Welcome - Introductions / Webinar Series



- May 18 – How Did We Get Here?
- May 25 – Overview of Chapter 115 Changes
- June 8 @ 5PM – How to Best Support Educators with Certification

AGENDA

- Evaluation Letters
- What do I apply for?
- Course pre-approval
- Ed Tech Upgrades
- Processing Time
- Best Practices



Evaluation Letters

- What is it?

Thank you for applying for Maine certification. We received your application for the credentials indicated below and have performed an initial review. Any listed items below are requirements for the professional certificate or CHRC. You may already qualify for a conditional or an emergency certificate; if you do qualify for either of those it will be listed at the bottom. Maine is a great place to teach!

- Access to evaluation letters

- What generates a letter?

- Why did this educator receive multiple letters?
- Why is the letter wrong?
- Why do I have a new requirement on the most recent letter?

- Examples

Evaluation Letters

Please note: These are current letters based off current regulations as of 6/8/22, used as examples

Initial Teacher Application - Professional- General Elementary- GRADES K-8

- * The endorsement you applied for requires a Bachelor's Degree. Please submit a transcript showing an awarded Bachelor's Degree.
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- * The endorsement you applied for requires student teaching . Please submit transcripts or proof of teaching in the subject area and grade level for which you applied.

This requirement shall be waived upon completion of one full year of successful teaching under a CONDITIONAL endorsement in this endorsement area or completed the student teaching through a state approved teaching preparation program.

- * You are eligible for a Emergency Certificate at this time. You will not be issued this credential until you submit a request for issuance. You can submit a request by e-mailing us at cert.doe@maine.gov or upload it directly to your educator portal, please include your Educator ID and the endorsement you would like issued.

Please keep in mind the Emergency Credential will only be valid for one year and you can only receive 3 Emergency credentials total.

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Initial Teacher Application - Professional- English/Language Arts- GRADES 7-12

- * The endorsement you applied for requires 24 semester hour(s) of coursework in English. Your submitted transcripts have 9 semester hour(s) in this area. Please submit new transcripts with 15 additional semester hour(s) in the listed area. Please note that this coursework is content area coursework and methods classes do not count and are reviewed separately. The classes that were accepted are as follows: eng101-3 eng317-3 eng102-3.

- * The endorsement you applied for requires 3 semester hour(s) of coursework in Exceptional Students. Your submitted transcripts have 0 semester hour(s) in this area. Please submit new transcripts with 3 additional semester hour(s) in the listed area. Please note that this coursework is teaching methods coursework and content classes do not count and are reviewed separately. The classes that were accepted are as follows: No Qualifying Courses Found.

- * The endorsement you applied for requires 3 semester hour(s) of coursework in Secondary English Methods. Your submitted transcripts have 0 semester hour(s) in this area. Please submit new transcripts with 3 additional semester hour(s) in the listed area. Please note that this coursework is teaching methods coursework and content classes do not count and are reviewed separately. The classes that were accepted are as follows: No Qualifying Courses Found.

- * The endorsement you applied for requires student teaching . Please submit transcripts or proof of teaching in the subject area and grade level for which you applied.

This requirement shall be waived upon completion of one full year of successful teaching under a **CONDITIONAL** endorsement in this endorsement area or completed the student teaching through a state approved teaching preparation program.

- * You have been issued AN EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE that will expire on 09/01/2021. At the end of this period you will need to apply to obtain a new credential.

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* State board rules governing the qualifications for a professional teacher certificate must require that the certificate may be issued only to an applicant who, at a minimum, meets one of the following criteria:

B. Has met the criteria established by the state board by:

(1) Passing Praxis - These will be listed on your letter; OR

(2) Meeting grade point average of a 3.0 requirements in all required course work; OR

(3) Successful completion of a portfolio review demonstrating competency through academic or work experience for more information on this option please e-mail us at Cert.DOE@Maine.gov;

Here is a list of courses we accepted: sp1010-4.0, sp1020-4.0, sp2010-4.0, sp2020-4.0, sp3200-4.0, sp322-3.7, sp4030-3.0, sp3410-4.0

Please note that at the moment your GPA is 3.84, but you have not yet completed all coursework requirements. Once all coursework is completed and your GPA is a 3.0 or higher you will have met the requirement B 2.

What do I apply for?

- One application per endorsement, not separate for different certificates (Prof., cond., Ed Tech, etc.)
- Qualifications vs. wants – preparing for success
- Leveraging certification website - <https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert/requirements>

Certification Requirements by Position

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Code	Endorsement	Category
100M	English (5-8) - PDF (21KB)	Teacher Endorsement
100S	English (7-12) - PDF (38KB)	Teacher Endorsement
200M	Social Studies (5-8) - PDF (22KB)	Teacher Endorsement
200S	Social Studies (7-12) - PDF (40KB)	Teacher Endorsement
215	Athletic Director - PDF (33KB)	Specialist Endorsement
282B	Teacher of Students with Disabilities (0 to age 5) - PDF (36KB)	Teacher Endorsement

DOE Requirements for the English 7-12 certificate (100S)

Please see below for the requirements to qualify for both a conditional and/or professional certificate. Please note that the endorsement code is 100S, which will be used throughout the application process. If you believe you qualify for either a conditional or professional certificate, please submit an initial application through our online MEIS system.

Conditional Certificate (3 year) requirements include:

- (1) All of Section A

Conditional Certificate (3 year) (through the transitional pathway) requirements include:

- (1) A valid Professional Maine teaching certificate
- (2) 9 semester hours of section A

Five-year professional certificate requirements include completion of all sections below:

NOTE: The number in () indicates the number of semester hours required.

Section A:

Course Preapproval

Authority: Maine DOE
Certification Office

How: Email us at
cert.doe@maine.gov

What: Include course title and
course descriptions

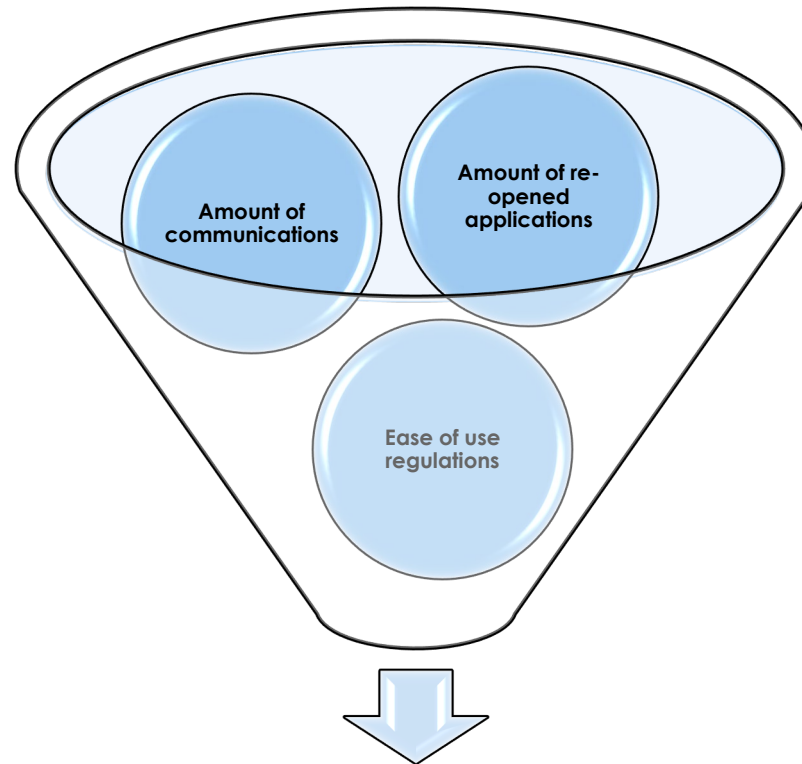


Ed Tech Upgrades

- Ed Tech I – diploma or GED
- Ed Tech II – 60 sem. hours, 900 professional development training/contact hours, or a combination of the two
- Ed Tech III – 90 sem. hours, 1,350 professional development training/contact hours, or a combination of the two



Processing Time



ME – 6 weeks
VT – 6-12 weeks
CA – 10 weeks
RI – 4-16 weeks
NH – 12 weeks
FL – 14-20 weeks
WI – 6-12 weeks
NY – 16 weeks
PA – 10 weeks
AZ – 6 weeks
CT – 8-12 weeks

Questions / Webinar Series



- Please help us by keeping your questions broad, those that might help others, rather than specifics about an individual application or circumstance...