

Teacher Renewal Requirements

Renewal Requirements for Teacher Certification **ARSD 24:28:17**

- Professional teaching certificate is issued to an applicant who is new to the teaching profession or does not meet the requirements of an advanced teaching certificate.
- Advanced teaching certificate is issued to a teacher who has 5 or more years of teaching experience and has an advanced degree in an education-related field or has received National Board for Teaching Standards Certification (NBTC)

- **All applicants renewing a Teacher Certificate must complete the following:**
 - An [approved suicide awareness and prevention training](#)
- **Renewal Options for a Professional Teaching Certificate**

Option 1: Complete six education-related credits that must include:

 - A minimum of three transcribed credits or specialized learning experience hours; and
 - The remaining three credits shall include continuing education contact hours or transcribed credits.
 - If you have a master’s degree or higher you may renew with any combination of six education-related credits. Transcribed credits are not required.

Option 2: Participate as a mentee in a state-approved mentor program for at least two of the past five-years (certificate of completion is required).

Option 3: Participate as a mentor in a state-approved mentor program for at least two of the past five-years (certificate of completion is required).

Option 4: Complete national board certification or recertification within the past five-years.
- **Renewal Options for an Advanced Teaching Certificate**

Option 1: Complete six education-related transcribed credits, specialized learning experience hours, or continuing education contact hours.

Option 2: Participate as a mentor in a state-approved mentor program at least two of the past five-years (completion of certificate is required).

Option 3: Complete national board certification or recertification within the past five-years.
- **Renewal Requirements for an Invalid Teaching Certificate**
 - If all requirements for renewal have not been met by October 1 of the year of expiration the certificate is invalid.
 - To renew an invalid certificate the applicant must pay an invalid fee of \$100 in addition to the application fee; however the renewal requirements remain the same.
- A one-year Temporary Certificate is available.
- The certificate holder will be considered non-certified until they receive a temporary certificate or renew their current certificate.

Temporary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An educator who has an invalid certificate may receive one, one-year temporary certificate to complete the renewal requirements. An invalid fee of \$100 is required in addition to the application fee.
Certificate Extension for Active Military Duty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A certified educator called to active military duty while the certificate is valid may have the certificate re-issued with extended dates with no additional fees. • A copy of military orders verifying the start and end dates of the active duty period is required to obtain the extension.
Hardship Modification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For good cause, the expiration date of the certificate may be extended, without penalty, for a period of one year. The applicant must provide satisfactory evidence the educator made a good faith effort to meet the renewal requirements. Examples of good cause include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Serious illness; ○ Loss of income; or ○ Death or serious illness of a family member.
Contact Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifteen contact (clock) hours is equivalent to one renewal credit. • Submission of Contact Hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upload to application if saved as a pdf document ○ Email to certification@state.sd.us ○ Mail a copy of the contact hour certificate
Transcribed Credit	<p>Submission of OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS:</p> <p>Applicant may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mail official/original transcripts printed by the university. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcripts may NOT be submitted as a pdf or attached to an email • University may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submit electronic transcript directly to SD DOE ○ Mail official/original paper transcripts
Specialized Learning Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized learning experiences are defined as an education-related learning experience that incorporates the applicant's occupational field and teaching area and is not obtained through academic coursework or continuing education. • The applicant must demonstrate the experience provided them an opportunity to gain knowledge. It is not intended to be an experience where the applicant is providing the learning experience, with exception of, university faculty, providing training as part of an approved teacher preparation program. • The following examples meet the intent of specialized learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Traveling to another country or state as part of a formal program to learn about their education system; ○ Legislative experience focusing on education-related issues; ○ Employee or Contracted Employee of the Department of Education ○ Instruction provided by the applicant to teacher candidates at an accredited institution of higher education as part of an approved teacher preparation program; ○ Time spent in an active role in an organization such as president of an education related association or organization. • The following examples do not meet the intent of specialized learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A K-12 teacher who provides trainings to adults ○ Attending a book study ○ Any training where continuing education contact hours is provided ○ Articles or books written by the applicant