

Teacher Alternative Certification Renewal Requirements

<p><i>Renewal Requirements for Teacher Alternative Certification</i> <u>ARSD 24:28:17</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applicants renewing a Teacher Certificate must complete the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requirement 1: An approved suicide awareness and prevention training with each renewal application. ○ Requirement 2: The employing district/school must submit the Alternative Certification Annual Progress Report Form AC2. • The certificate is valid for one year. It may be renewed two times to give applicants time to meet the coursework requirements. • Additional Renewal Requirement for the General Education Alternative Teaching Certificate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submit documented evidence of progress toward meeting the requirements of the General Education Alternative Teaching Certificate. • Additional Renewal Requirements for the CTE Alternative Teaching Certificate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submit documented evidence of progress toward meeting the requirements of the CTE Alternative Teaching Certificate. • Additional Renewal Requirements for the Teach for America (TFA) Alternative Teaching Certificate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submit documented evidence of progress toward meeting the requirements of the TFA Alternative Teaching Certificate and verification of continued eligibility for the Teach for America program.
<p><i>Invalid Certificate</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal Requirements for an Invalid Alternative Certificate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If an applicant has an alternative certificate that is not renewed by October 1st and acting as the teacher of record in a district, the applicant must renew their certificate and the school year will be counted as one year, for the purpose, of meeting the course requirements. • <i>The alternative certification holder will be considered non-certified until the certificate is valid.</i>
<p><i>Transition to an Educator Certificate</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Alternative Certification Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Once all Alternative Certification requirements have been met applicants should apply for an Educator Certificate using the Transition from Alternative Certification application. ○ The district must complete Form AC8 (Recommendation to Transition to Professional).
<p><i>Certificate Extension for Active Military Duty</i></p>	<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.

<p><i>Hardship Modification</i></p>	<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.
<p><i>Transcribed Credit</i></p>	<p>Submission of OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS:</p> <p><i>Applicant may:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mail official/original transcripts printed by the university. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Transcripts may NOT be submitted as a pdf or attached to an email</i> • <i>University may:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submit electronic transcript directly to SD DOE ○ Mail official/original paper transcripts