

SPECIAL EDUCATION ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

<p><i>Renewal Requirements for Special Education Alternative Certification</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applicants renewing a Special Education Alternative Certification Certificate must complete the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement 1: Complete an approved Suicide Awareness and Prevention training Requirement 2: The employing district/school must submit the Special Education Alternative Certification District Renewal Recommendation form. Requirement 3: Submit documented evidence of progress toward meeting the requirements of the Special Education Alternative Certificate. • This certificate is valid for one year. It may be renewed two times to give applicants time to meet the coursework requirements. • Requirements for a Special Education Alternative Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete a minimum of 15 transcribed credits from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education with a grade of C or higher in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Six-credit year-long special education practicum ▪ Nine credits of coursework in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • special education law; • special education assessment; and • special education-related course ○ Pass the state-designated pedagogy test ○ Pass the state-designated content test
<p><i>Invalid Certificate</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal Requirements for an Invalid Alternative Certificate If an applicant has a special education alternative certificate that is not renewed by October 1st and working as a special education teacher, 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-authorized for this assignment until this certificate is valid.</i>
<p><i>Transition to an Educator Certificate</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Alternative Certification Requirements Once all Special Education Alternative Certification requirements have been met applicants should apply complete the Transition from Alternative Certification application. The district must complete the Recommend to Transition to Professional form.

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<i>Certificate Extension for Active Military Duty</i>	<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.
<i>Hardship Modification</i>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Serious illness; ○ Loss of income; or ○ Death or serious illness of a family member.
<i>Transcribed Credit</i>	<p>Submission of OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS</p> <p><i>Applicant may:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mail official/original transcripts (transcripts may be removed from the sealed envelope) <p><i>Transcripts may NOT be submitted as a pdf or attached to an email</i></p> <p><i>University may:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submit electronic transcript directly to SD DOE ○ Mail official/original paper transcripts