

Q&A: Certificates Expiring June 30, 2020

Question: My educator certificate is set to expire on July 1, 2020. Do you plan to extend the renewal date?

Answer: There are no plans to extend the renewal date of July 1, 2020, for those whose certificates expire this year. While the certificates will expire on that date, the holders have until Oct. 1, 2020, before the certificate becomes invalid. These deadlines remain in effect.

Resources: The following options are available if you have not completed the renewal requirements:

- **Transcribed Credits**
 - Technology & Innovation in Education (TIE) workshops: <https://www.tie.net/course-listings>
 - University of Sioux Falls – online workshops: <https://www.usiouxfalls.edu/academics/center-for-professional-development/workshops-for-k-12-educators>
 - BOR Online Courses: <https://worldclasseducation.org/>

- **Continuing Education Contact Hours**
 - DOE continuing education page contains links to DOE Events
Calendar: <https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/calendar/calendarindex>
 - Professional Development
Opportunities: <http://reach.usiouxfalls.edu/modules/shop/index.html?action=courseCatalogs&CatalogTypeID=1>
 - Learners Edge: <http://www.learnersedgeinc.com/>
 - VESI: <http://virtualeduc.com/usf/>
 - BHSU – contact hour option: <https://www.ed2go.com/bhsu/>
 - Online Edweb – Join the community to receive certificates: <https://home.edweb.net/ce-certificate/>
 - The Jason Foundation Courses: <https://learn.jasonfoundation.com/courses/>

- **Requirements for Transcribed Credits and Continuing Education Contact Hours:**
 - Transcribed Credits: <https://doe.sd.gov/certification/transcripts.aspx>
 - Continuing Education Contact
Hours: <https://doe.sd.gov/certification/documents/RenewalRequirements.pdf>

- **Hardship Modification**

The 2017 Educator Certification rules include the option of a hardship modification which allows certificates to be extended by one year for good cause. To be eligible for the hardship you **must** provide documentation you experienced serious illness, loss of income, or the death or serious illness of a family member. This rule also requires that you demonstrate evidence you made a good faith effort to meet the renewal requirements. You may apply for the hardship when you complete the online renewal application.