



Structured English Immersion (SEI) FAQs

Q1: Who is required to add the SEI endorsement?

All certified classroom teachers (Arts Education, Career and Technical, Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, Special Education, Teaching Intern, or Foreign Teaching), and certified administrators (Supervisor, Principal, Superintendent, or Interim Administrator) must hold a valid SEI endorsement. However, teachers and administrators who hold a full ESL or full Bilingual Endorsement are exempt from the SEI requirement.

Q2: How do I qualify for an SEI endorsement?

The Provisional SEI endorsement is valid for 3 years and may not be renewed or extended. You must qualify for a full SEI within 3 years of adding the Provisional SEI to continue your Arizona certificate. To qualify for the **Provisional SEI** endorsement:

- If you hold a valid classroom teaching or administrative certificate issued **BEFORE** August 31, 2006, **15 clock hours or 1 semester** hour of approved Provisional SEI training is required.
- If you hold a valid classroom teaching or administrative certificate issued **ON OR AFTER** August 31, 2006, **45 clock hours or 3 semester hours** of approved Augmented Provisional SEI training is required.

To qualify for the **Full SEI** Endorsement:

- If you hold a valid classroom teaching or administrative certificate issued **BEFORE** August 31, 2006, 15 clock hours or 1 semester hour of Provisional SEI training **PLUS** 45 clock hours or 3 semester hour Completion SEI training is required.
- If you hold a valid classroom teaching or administrative certificate issued **ON OR AFTER** August 31, 2006, 45 clock hours or 3 semester hours of approved Augmented Provisional SEI training **PLUS** 45 clock hours or 3 semester hours of SEI completion training is required.

Q3: How do I apply for a Provisional or full SEI endorsement?

Submit an [application for certification endorsements](#), a copy of the SEI training certificate(s) **or** an official transcript showing the SEI course(s), and \$60 (check or money order only).

Q4: Which certificates are exempt from the SEI requirement?

Adult Education, Athletic Coaching, Guidance Counselor, JROTC, School Psychologist, Speech Language Technician, Speech Language Pathologist, Substitute.

Q5: I have an ESL endorsement in another state. Am I still required to add the SEI endorsement?

If you hold a valid, full ESL endorsement or certificate in another state, you may apply to add a full ESL endorsement to your Arizona certificate in order to meet the SEI requirement.

Q6: Where can I find an approved SEI class or training?

You can download a list of approved college and university courses and other training providers at www.azed.gov/certification.