



The Certification public portal allows educators, parents, and the general public to access information regarding an Arizona educator's certification.

You may search for an educator using the following methods:

- The certificate holder's Public Educator ID number; OR
- Last and/or first name of the educator.

- The public portal will bring up a list of educators under the name entered; the certificate holder's current position will be indicated to help you narrow your search.
- Click "View" on the appropriate educator to access credential information.

The public portal allows users to view the following:

- Valid educator certificates and endorsements
- Certificate deficiencies and requirements to satisfy deficiencies
 - Current educator positions (grade level and subject)
- Discipline history indicator if an educator's certificate(s) has been revoked, suspended, surrendered, or denied.

Note: The public portal provides read-only access to public information regarding an Arizona educator's certificate. An educator portal which will allow educators to apply for certification online is currently under development; however, at this time educators may apply for certification via mail or at the Certification customer service counter.



Glossary of Terms

Approved Areas – Subject areas, such as History, English, or Mathematics, that are attached to a certificate to authorize the holder to teach the subject.

Deficiencies – Specific Arizona requirements that must be completed in a certain timeframe in order for an educator to continue the certificate.

Emergency Substitute – A certificate that allows an individual with a minimum of a high school diploma or GED certificate to substitute teach only in a district that indicates that an emergency employment situation exists. Individuals with only an Emergency Substitute certificate may not substitute more than 120 days in a school year.

Emergency Teaching – A one year certificate that allows an individual with a Bachelor’s degree to be a contracted teacher when an emergency employment situation exists.

Endorsements – An area of specialization which is attached to an educator certificate to demonstrate areas of expertise or to expand the grade level the educator may teach.

Provisional Teaching Certificates: Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, Arts Education, Physical Education, Special Education – The initial certificate that is issued to teachers who have a Bachelor’s, and completed all teacher preparation and exam requirements.

Public Educator ID – An identification number assigned by and only used by the Arizona Department of Education, Certification Unit.

Reciprocal Certificate – A three-year certificate for teachers and administrators who are fully certified in another state. Reciprocity rules were changed to allow educators who hold a valid, comparable certificate from another state to qualify for an eight-year Standard certificate.

Standard Certificate – A renewable teaching certificate that is issued once an applicant has completed all teacher preparation and exam requirements and has taught for two years during the valid term of a Provisional Teaching certificate or by an applicant who qualified under reciprocity rules.

Substitute – A certificate that allows an individual with a Bachelor’s degree to teach in the temporary absence of the contracted teacher.

Teaching Intern – A certificate that is issued to teachers who are completing an alternative path to certification. The Teaching Intern certificate requires a Bachelor’s degree, a passing score on the subject knowledge exam that corresponds to their teaching assignment, and enrollment in a State Board approved teacher preparation program.

*For more information on applying for certification services, call 602-542-4367
or visit www.azed.gov/educator-certification/*