

I. Provisional Foreign Teacher Teaching Certificate

1. This certificate is required for a teacher or professor from any foreign country, state, territory or possession of the United States contracted through the foreign teacher exchange program as authorized by federal statutes enacted by the Congress of the United States or other foreign teacher recruitment programs approved by the United States Department of State.
- ~~2. This certificate is valid for one year and may be extended yearly for up to two additional years upon request by the contracting governing board. The contracting teacher shall submit a letter of intent to hire to the Arizona Department of Education on official letterhead signed by the Superintendent or Director of Human Resources. and may be extended for an additional year by the consent of the contracting governing board, the education service agency, the charter holder, or the Arizona board of regents.~~
3. The requirements are:
  - a. Verification that training and background comply with the comparable Arizona teaching certificate as provided in R7-2-608(B)(2), R7-2-609(B)(2), R7-2-610(C)(3), R7-2-610(E)(3), R7-2-610(G)(2), R7-2-610(I)(2), R7-2-610(K)(2), R7-2-610(M)(2), R7-2-611(D)(2), R7-2-611(F)(2), R7-2-611(H)(2), R7-2-611(J)(2), or R7-2-611(L)(2).
  - b. Holds a valid fingerprint Clearance Card issued by DPS.
  - c. Demonstrates fluency in English as verified by the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or other English proficiency tests approved by the State Board of Education.
  - d. The passing score by the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Test System (IELTS), Pearson Test of English (PTE) or other English proficiency tests approved by the State Board of Education shall be determined by the Board using the results of validity and reliability studies. The passing score for each assessment shall be reviewed by the Board at least every three years.
4. A prospective teacher seeking to instruct in a language other than English may furnish a letter for submission to the Arizona Department of Education, on official letterhead, signed by the dean or designee of the home university to verify mastery of the purposed language of instruction. The Arizona Department of Education shall review and may approve submissions for the prospective teacher's exemption to the American Council of the Teaching of Foreign Languages Exam.

**Historical Note**

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1132, effective March 10, 2000 (Supp. 00-1). Section R7-2-612 amended by emergency rulemaking under A.R.S. § 41-1026 at 8 A.A.R. 2562, effective May 23, 2002 for a period of 180 days (Supp. 02-2). May 23, 2002 emergency rulemaking renewed under A.R.S. § 41-1026 at 8 A.A.R. 5132, effective November 19, 2002 (Supp. 02-4). Amended by final rulemaking at 9 A.A.R. 1605, effective May 5, 2003 (Supp. 03-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 11 A.A.R. 1885, effective June 26, 2005 (Supp. 05-2).