



State of Arizona
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Certification Updates
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Dear Education Colleagues:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CERTIFICATION:

Fee Charge for Provisional SEI:

Effective Monday September 5, 2011 there will be a \$60 fee for Provisional SEI endorsements. The Certification Unit will **no longer waive** the fee for the Provisional SEI endorsement.

Out of State Exam Clarification:

Statute allows for reciprocity of certification exams from other states with comparable professional knowledge and subject knowledge exams. **Therefore, exams other than AEPA will only be accepted if the score report documents a passing score on a comparable exam from that state.** The official score report must reflect the word **"PASSED."**

Teaching Experience Verification Form:

The Teaching Experience Verification form is to be submitted to verify teaching experience for a provisional teaching certificate or endorsement only. **PLEASE do not** submit this form in lieu of the Conversion form. The Conversion form must be completed to convert from a provisional teaching certificate to a standard teaching certificate.

New Reading Endorsement and Math Endorsement:

The new requirements for the Reading Endorsement and Math Endorsement went into effect July 1, 2011.

- The title **"Reading Specialist, K-12 and Math Specialist, K-8"** is reflective of applicants **who qualified under the old rules.**
- When a Reading endorsement is issued **under the new rules it will print out on the certificate as: Reading, K-8; Reading, 6-12 or Reading, K-12.**
- The **new Math endorsement will be titled "Mathematics, K-8".**

Early Childhood Endorsement:

Effective July 1, 2012, All Kindergarten and Preschool teachers must hold either an Early Childhood Certificate or Early Childhood Endorsement. Upon issuance, conversion or renewal all Elementary certificates will reflect grades 1-8 on or after July 1, 2012.