

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
ART, PREK-12 ENDORSEMENT
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

➤ **Art, PreK-12 Endorsement**

The endorsement shall be automatically renewed with the certificate on which it is posted.

Requirements for the Art, PreK-12 endorsement are:

1. Completed [Application for Certification](#).
2. Appropriate fee (see *Application for Certification*).
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona Department of Public Safety Identity Verified Prints (**IVP**) fingerprint card. For more information visit the [Arizona Department of Public Safety](#) website or call (602) 223-2279.
4. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary or Special Education certificate.
5. Option A or B.

A. Coursework and Subject Knowledge. (All requirements A-1 through A-3 must be met.):

A-1. One course in the methods of teaching Art at the elementary level.

A-2. One course in the methods of teaching Art at the secondary level.

A-3. Subject Knowledge Competency. **One of the following:**

- **Coursework:** A minimum of 30 semester hours of courses in Art, which may include the required methods of teaching the subject courses.
- **Exam:** A passing score on the NES/AEPA Subject Knowledge Art exam.
- **Out-of-State Exam:** A passing score on a substantially similar Subject Knowledge Art examination from another state or agency. Submit the original score report at time of application.
- **NBCT:** A valid comparable certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Submit a copy of the certificate.
- **Degree:** A Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate degree from an accredited institution in Art. Official transcript(s) required.
- **Teaching Experience:** Three (3) years of full-time teaching experience in any state, including Arizona, in art, grades PreK through 12. Submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form signed and completed by the district superintendent or personnel director to verify teaching experience. *Note: Teaching experience in a foreign country will **not** be accepted.*
- **Post-Secondary Teaching:** Experience teaching courses relevant to **art** for the last two consecutive years, and for a total of at least three years, at one or more regionally or nationally accredited postsecondary institutions. Submit a verification letter from a department chair, dean, or personnel director, verifying employment for the specific durations from one or more qualifying postsecondary institutions.
- **Work Experience:** Demonstration of expertise in **art** through five years of relevant work experience. Submit verification of relevant work experience completed and signed by a supervisor or HR representative.

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B. Out-of-State Certificate or Endorsement

B-1: The applicant holds a valid, comparable Art PreK-12 certificate from another state and is in good standing with that other state. Submit a photocopy of your out-of-state certificate or endorsement.