

REQUIREMENTS FOR
PHYSICAL EDUCATION, PREK-12 ENDORSEMENT

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

➤ **Physical Education Endorsement**

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

Requirements for the Physical Education 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 (plastic). For more information, visit <http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/fingerprint-clearance-card-ivp/>.
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 Physical Education at the elementary level.

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

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

- **Coursework:** A minimum of 30 semester hours of courses Physical Education, which may include the required methods of teaching the subject courses.
- **Exam:** A passing score on the NES/AEPA Subject Knowledge Physical Education exam.
- **Out-of-State Exam:** A passing score on a substantially similar Subject Knowledge Physical Education 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 in Physical Education:** A Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate degree from an accredited institution in Physical Education. Official transcript(s) required.
- **Teaching Experience:** Three (3) years of full-time teaching experience in any state, including Arizona, in Physical Education, 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 **Physical Education** 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 **Physical Education** through five years of relevant work experience. Submit verification of relevant work experience completed and signed by a supervisor or HR representative.

B. Out-of-State Certificate or Endorsement:

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