

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
**STANDARD ATHLETIC COACHING 7-12 CERTIFICATE**

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

➤ **Standard Athletic Coaching 7-12 Certificate**

*The certificate is valid for 12 years and is renewable.*

*Certificate entitles the holder to perform coaching duties in interscholastic and extracurricular athletic activities. It is not required for teachers who hold a valid elementary, secondary or special education certificate.*

**Requirements for the Standard Athletic Coaching 7-12 certificate 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 <http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/fingerprint-clearance-card-ivp/>.
4. Option A or B.
  - A. **First Aid/CPR, Coursework, and Experience (Requirements A-1 through A-3 must be met):**
    - A-1. Valid certification in first aid and Coronary and Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).
    - A-2. Completion of courses, seminars, or modules of study which include the following:
      - Methods of coaching
      - Anatomy and Physiology
      - Sports psychology
      - Adolescent psychology
      - Prevention and treatment of athletic injuries
      - Signs of physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, bullying, hazing, and cyberbullying.
    - A-3. Two hundred fifty (250) hours of verified coaching experience in the sport to be coached. Coaching experience may include experience as a head coach or assistant coach in a school program or in an organized athletic league. Submit a letter on official letterhead to verify clock hours of coaching experience.
  - B. **Out-of-State Certification:** The applicant holds a valid, comparable Athletic Coaching certificate from another state and is in good standing with that other state. Submit a photocopy of your valid, comparable Athletic Coaching certificate.