



The Certification public portal allows educators, parents, and the public to access information regarding an Arizona educator's certification.

The public portal allows users to view the following:

- Valid educator certificates and endorsements
- Certificate deficiencies and requirements to satisfy deficiencies
 - Current educator positions (grade level and subject)
- Discipline history indicator if an educator's certificate(s) has been revoked, suspended, surrendered, or denied.

To search for an educator and view their certificate information, complete the following steps:

1. Enter the certificate holder's last and/or first name, or Public Educator ID number, and click "**Search Educators**".
2. The public portal will bring up a list of educators under the name entered; the certificate holder's current position will be indicated to help you narrow your search.
3. Click "**View**" on the appropriate educator to access credential information.
4. Click "**Select**" next to the educator certificate to view approved areas, endorsements, and deficiencies that are attached to the certificate.

Note: The public portal provides read-only access to public information regarding an Arizona educator's certificate. An educator portal which will allow educators to apply for certification online is currently under development; however, at this time educators may apply for certification via mail or at the Certification customer service counter.



Glossary of Terms

Approved Areas – Subject areas, such as History, English, or Mathematics, that are attached to a certificate to authorize the holder to teach the subject.

Deficiencies – Arizona requirements that must be completed in a specified timeframe in order for the educator to maintain the validity of the certificate.

Emergency Substitute – A certificate that allows an individual with a minimum of a high school diploma or GED to substitute teach only in a district that indicates that an emergency employment situation exists. Individuals with only an Emergency Substitute certificate may not substitute more than 120 days in a school year.

Emergency Teaching – A one year certificate that allows an individual with a Bachelor's degree to be a contracted teacher when an emergency employment situation exists.

Endorsements – An area of specialization which is attached to an educator certificate to demonstrate areas of expertise or to expand the grade level the educator may teach.

Provisional Teaching Certificates: Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, Arts Education, Physical Education, Special Education – The initial certificate that was issued to teachers who have a Bachelor's, and completed all teacher preparation and exam requirements. Certification rules were changed to allow educators who qualify to be issued a Standard Certificate.

Public Educator ID – An identification number assigned by and only used by the Arizona Department of Education, Certification Unit.

Reciprocal Certificate – A three-year certificate for teachers and administrators who are fully certified in another state. Reciprocity rules were changed to allow educators who hold a valid, comparable certificate from another state to qualify for a Standard certificate.

Standard Certificate – A renewable teaching certificate that is issued once an applicant has completed all teacher preparation and exam requirements or by an applicant who qualified under reciprocity rules.

Substitute – A certificate that allows an individual with a Bachelor's degree to teach in the temporary absence of the contracted teacher.

Student Teaching Intern – An optional certificate issued to individuals who are enrolled in the student teaching course of a Board approved educator preparation program (EPP). The certificate requires a 3.0 GPA, passing the required exams, and a request from the hiring district or charter school and the EPP.

Teaching Intern – A certificate that is issued to teachers who are completing an alternative path to certification. The Teaching Intern certificate requires a Bachelor's degree and enrollment in a State Board approved teacher preparation program.