APPLICATION FOR THE FOREIGN TEACHER CERTIFICATE
Arizona Department Of Education - Certification Unit
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General Information
The Foreign Teacher Certificate is used by teachers who are contracted through the Foreign Teacher Exchange Program or other foreign teacher recruitment programs approved by the United States Department of State. The Foreign Teacher certificate is valid for one year and may be extended for one year.

Submit the following:

☐ Application: A completed application for the Standard Foreign Teacher Certificate.
   - Answer every Background Question, sign and date the application.
   - If you answer “Yes” to any Background Questions, submit a completed Explanation of Incident form for every incident, even if the incident was previously disclosed.

☐ AZDPS IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card: A photocopy of your valid Arizona Department of Public Safety IVP fingerprint card (plastic) issued. For further information on applying for the IVP card, visit http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/fingerprint-clearance-card-ivp/.

☐ District/Charter School Letter: A photocopy of your letter of intent to hire from the contracting governing board, the education service agency, the charter holder, or the Arizona Board of Regents indicating your grade level and subject area placement and signed by the Superintendent or Human Resources Director.

☐ J-1 or Q-1 Visa
   Submit one of the following:
   - A photocopy of your valid J-1 or Q-1 visa; or
   - Verification from the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that you will be participating in a foreign teacher exchange program.

☐ Foreign Equivalency Evaluation: A foreign equivalency evaluation documenting that you have the equivalent of a Bachelor’s degree and completion of a teacher preparation program in the requested area from an accredited institution in the United States. A list of evaluation agencies is provided on our website.

☐ Proof of English Proficiency: A passing score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic). See certificate requirements for details.

☐ Payment of Fee: A check or money order for $60 for each certificate, endorsement, or approved area requested, made payable to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). Cash will not be accepted. Certification fees are nonrefundable.
Arizona State Board of Education
Professional Practices for Certificate Holders

Standards for Imposing Certificated Educator Sanctions
Consistent with A.R.S. §15-203(20), the State Board of Education may impose disciplinary action upon a certified individual, including a letter of censure, suspension, suspension with conditions or revocation of a certificate upon a finding of immoral or unprofessional conduct.

Criminal Offenses
Pursuant to administrative code R7-2-1307 and ARS § 15-550, the Board shall revoke the certification of a person who has been convicted of or admitted in open court or pursuant to a plea agreement any of the following criminal offenses in this state or similar offenses in another jurisdiction:

1. Sexual abuse of a minor
2. Incest
3. First-degree murder
4. Second degree murder
5. Manslaughter
6. Sexual assault
7. Sexual exploitation of a minor
8. Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor
9. A dangerous crime against children as defined in A.R.S. §13-604.01
10. Armed robbery
11. Aggravated assault
12. Sexual conduct with a minor
13. Molestation of a child
14. Exploitation of minors involving drug offenses

Upon notification that a certificated individual has been convicted of a nonrenewable offense, the Board shall revoke the certificate.

Unprofessional and Immoral Conduct
Individuals holding certificates issued by the Board pursuant to R7-2-601 and individuals applying for certificates issued by the Board pursuant to R7-2-601 shall:

1. Make reasonable efforts to protect pupils from conditions harmful to learning, health, or safety;
2. Account for all funds collected from pupils, parents, or school personnel;
3. Adhere to provisions of the Uniform System of Financial Records related to use of school property, resources, or equipment; and
4. Abide by copyright restrictions, security, or administration procedures for a test or assessment.

Individuals holding certificates issued by the Board pursuant to R7-2-601 and individuals applying for certificates issued by the Board pursuant to R7-2-601 shall not:

1. Discriminate against or harass any pupil or school employee on the basis of race, national origin, religion, sex, including sexual orientation, disability, color or age;
2. Deliberately suppress or distort information or facts relevant to a pupil’s academic progress;
3. Misrepresent or falsify pupil, classroom, school, or district-level data from the administration of a test or assessment;
4. Engage in a pattern of conduct for the sole purpose or with the sole intent of embarrassing or disparaging a pupil;
5. Use professional position or relationships with pupils, parents, or colleagues for improper personal gain or advantage;
6. Falsify or misrepresented documents, records, or facts related to professional qualifications or educational history or character;
7. Assist in the professional certification or employment of a person the certificate holder knows to be unqualified to hold a position;
8. Accept gratuities or gifts that influence judgment in the exercise of professional duties;
9. Possess, consume, or be under the influence of alcohol on school premises or at school-sponsored activities;
10. Illegally possess, use, or be under the influence of marijuana, dangerous drugs, or narcotic drugs, as each is defined in A.R.S. § 13-3401;
11. Make any sexual advance towards a pupil or child, either verbal, written, or physical;
12. Engage in sexual activity, a romantic relationship, or dating of a pupil or child;
13. Submit fraudulent requests for reimbursement of expenses or for pay;
14. Use school equipment to access pornographic, obscene, or illegal materials;
15. Engage in conduct which would discredit the teaching profession.

Individuals found to have engaged in unprofessional or immoral conduct shall be subject to, and may be disciplined by, the Board.

Resignation as an Unprofessional Act and Penalty: ARS §15-545
A certificated teacher shall not resign after signing and returning his contract, unless the resignation is first approved by the governing board. A teacher who resigns contrary to this section shall be deemed to commit an unprofessional act and, upon request of the governing board, shall be subject to such disciplinary action, including suspension and revocation of certificate, as the state board of education deems appropriate.

Failing to Report of Immoral or Unprofessional Conduct
Pursuant to ARS §15-514, any certificated person or governing board member who reasonably suspects or receives a reasonable allegation that a person certificated by the state board of education has engaged in conduct involving minors that would be subject to the reporting requirements of section 13-3620 (mandatory reporting) shall report or cause reports to be made to the department of education in writing as soon as reasonably practicable but not later than three business days after the person first suspects or receives allegation of the conduct.

The superintendent of a school district or the chief administrator of a charter school who reasonably suspects or receives a reasonable allegation that an act of immoral or unprofessional conduct that would constitute grounds for dismissal or criminal charges by a certificated person has occurred shall report the conduct to the department of education.

Failure to report information as required in ARS §15-514 by a certificated person constitutes grounds for disciplinary action by the state board of education.

A governing board member or school district employee who has control over personnel decisions and who reasonably suspects or receives a reasonable allegation that a person certificated by the state board of education has engaged in conduct involving minors that would be subject to the reporting requirements of ARS §§ 13-3620 and 15-514 shall not accept the resignation of the certificate holder until these suspicions or allegations have been reported to the State Board of Education.

Filing a Complaint against a Certificate Holder
The Investigative Unit may be reached at (602) 542-2972 or investigation@azed.gov

For Further Information: Call or Email
State Board of Education
(602) 542-5057 inbox@azsbe.az.gov Updated 10/28/16
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SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION
Please type or print in blue or black ink.

Social Security Number:            Date of Birth:       Gender:  □ M / □ F
Full Legal Name:                      First:                 Middle:       
Mailing Address: 

City:                                     State:                        Zip:          
Contact Information: Phone:             E-mail Address: 

Ethnicity: (Gender and Ethnicity are requested for federal reporting purposes only)
☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native  ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander  ☐ Black or African-American (not Hispanic)
☐ Hispanic or Latino     ☐ White (Not Hispanic)     ☐ Other

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

Answer every question, sign and date. ATTENTION: If “YES” is indicated for any of the following questions, please attach a full explanation to this application; a statement must be provided with each application.

1. ▶ YES  □ NO  Have you ever had any professional certificate or license, revoked or suspended?
2. ▶ YES  □ NO  Have you ever received a reprimand or other disciplinary action involving any professional certification or license?
3. ▶ YES  □ NO  Are you currently under investigation or subject to a proceeding involving any professional certification or license?
4. ▶ YES  □ NO  Have you ever been convicted of any felony offense?
5. ▶ YES  □ NO  Have you ever been arrested for any offense?
6. ▶ Have you ever been arrested for any of the following offenses in this state or similar offenses in another jurisdiction? (Answer every question below.)
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Attempted first-degree murder
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Any other dangerous crime against children as defined in section A.R.S.§13-604.01
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Any of the above listed offenses if committed as a preparatory offense as described in A.R.S.§13-1001
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Sexual assault
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Aggravated assault resulting in serious physical injury or involving the discharge, use or threatening exhibition of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument against an individual
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Sexual exploitation of a minor
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Sexual abuse of a minor
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Taking a child for the purpose of prostitution as prescribed in section A.R.S.§13-3206
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Child prostitution as prescribed in section ARS§13-3212
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Incest
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Exploitation of minors involving drug offenses
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Commercial sexual exploitation of a vulnerable adult
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Abuse of a vulnerable adult
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Molestaidation of a vulnerable adult
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Neglect of a vulnerable adult
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Sexual conduct with a minor
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Molestation of a child
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Exploitation of a vulnerable adult
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Child abuse
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Kidnapping
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Any offense causing you to register as a sex offender
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Armed Robbery
   ▶ YES  □ NO  First-degree murder
   ▶ YES  □ NO  Attempted first-degree murder

I understand that pursuant to ARS § 15-534, any person who makes a false statement, representation or certification in any application for certification is guilty of a misdemeanor offense. I have read and understood the rules and statutes related to unprofessional and immoral conduct including resignation from a contracted position without authorization and duties to report as required by law. I swear or affirm that the foregoing information completed by me, or submitted by me for certification purposes is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. Furthermore, should any part or all of the information herein provided prove to be false, I recognize that it shall be just cause for revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary action against any certificate issued to me by the Arizona Department of Education or denial of my application.

Applicant’s Signature ___________________________ Date ____________

** REQUIREMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE FULLY REFERENCED IN THE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. **

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#### Career and Technical Education Certificates (CTE) K-12

- Agriculture
- Business and Marketing
- Education and Training
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Health Careers
- Industrial and Emerging Technologies

#### APPROVED SUBJECT AREAS AND ENDORSEMENTS ($60 EACH)

**ADDITIONAL APPROVED SUBJECT AREAS**

Additional Approved Subject Areas may be added to appropriate teaching certificates to authorize the holder to teach the subject within the scope of the certificates held. Most approved areas only require passing an Arizona Educator Exam in the subject.

- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Drama
- Earth Science
- Economics
- English
- General Science
- Health
- History
- Mathematics
- Middle Grades General Science 6-8
- Middle Grades Language Arts 6-8
- Middle Grades Mathematics 6-8
- Middle Grades Social Studies 6-8
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physical Science
- Physics
- Political Science/American Government
- Social Studies
- Spanish
- Other Approved Area(s) not indicated above:

**ENDORSEMENTS PREK-12**

Endorsements may be added to teaching certificates in order to show specialization and may expand the grade level of the certificate. Endorsements have specific requirements which may include coursework, experience, and/or exam(s).

- Art (PreK-12)
- Bilingual – Language: □ Provisional or □ Full
- Computer Science (PreK-12)
- Cooperative Education (CTE Certificate Required)
- Dance (PreK-12)
- Dramatic Arts (PreK-12)
- Driver’s Education
- Early Childhood Endorsement - □ Provisional or □ Full
- Elementary Foreign Language K-8 – Language: □ Provisional or □ Full
- English as a Second Language (ESL) - □ Provisional or □ Full
- Gifted - □ Provisional or □ Full
- Library Media Specialist (PreK-12)
- Mathematics Endorsement K-8
- Middle Grade (Grades 5-9)
- Music (PreK-12)
- Physical Education (PreK-12)
- Reading Endorsement - Select one: □ K-8 □ 6-12 □ K-12
- Structured English Immersion (SEI) - □ Provisional or □ Full