



State of Arizona
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Certification Update

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Certification Renewal– Effective August 9, 2017

Legislation under Senate Bill (SB) 1057 and amendments to Board of Education rules provide new options for educators to qualify for renewal of a Standard certificate. The following changes to certification renewal requirements are in effect as of August 9, 2017:

- Educators who hold a renewable certificate **which has expired for at least two years, but not more than ten years**, may qualify for renewal, without the required professional development hours, if they are in good standing and meet the following requirements:
 - Verification of at least ten years of experience in Arizona in the same area they are seeking renewed certification; **and**
 - A valid Arizona Department of Public Safety Identity Verified Prints (IVP) fingerprint clearance card.

- Educators may use documentation of a current professional license as a counselor, social worker, psychologist, or speech pathologist in lieu of proof of the required clock hours of professional development activities.

Please contact the Certification office at 602-542-4367 or email Certification@azed.gov if you have any questions or concerns.