

Non-Traditional Routes to Certification

Teach for America (TFA)

RULE: IDAHO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
(IDAPA 08, TITLE 02, CHAPTER 02)

045. NON-TRADITIONAL ROUTE TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION.

An individual may acquire interim certification as found in Section 015 of these rules through an approved non-traditional route certification program. (3-20-14)

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Teach for America (TFA) is designed as an avenue to enter the teaching profession. TFA-Idaho Corps members are regionally prepared to teach in Idaho and commit to TFA to teach for two years. The candidate **MUST** hold a Bachelor's degree to be eligible for TFA.

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Step 1:

Apply for TFA via <https://www.teachforamerica.org/>

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Step 2:

Upon acceptance into TFA, complete the required multi-week TFA Summer Institute in Oklahoma and pass the applicable PRAXIS II exams.

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Step 3:

Upon successful completion of the TFA Summer Institute and passage of the applicable PRAXIS II exams, TFA-Idaho will submit an application for an Idaho 3-year interim certificate on behalf of the candidate.

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Step 4:

While on the Idaho 3-year interim certificate, the candidate will...

- Serve as a Teacher of Record for a district/charter in the applicable area of certification/endorsement
- Complete the required Idaho 2-year mentor program within the validity period of the 3-year interim certificate
- Complete any additional Idaho and TFA certification/endorsement requirements, if applicable, within the validity period of the 3-year interim certificate

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Step 5:

Upon successful completion of the Idaho 2-year mentor program, any additional Idaho and/or TFA certification/endorsement requirements, and with district and TFA verification, the candidate can apply for the clear 5-year, renewable Idaho certificate/credential.

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Please contact TFA-Idaho for more information about the program.

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