



# Alternative Authorizations, Non-Traditional Programs, State Board of Education Emergency Provisional, and Public Charter School Specific Certificates

- An [Application Crosswalk](#) has been created to help navigate the various alternative authorizations and non-traditional programs and when a district needs to apply for an alternative authorization versus when an individual applies for a non-traditional three-year interim.
- The Alternative Authorization – Content Specialist, Alternative Authorization – Pupil Service Staff and the Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New Certification are **non-renewable three-year interim certificates**.
- The Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New Endorsement is valid for one-year (9/1 -8/31). If a candidate is using Option I of the Teacher to New Endorsement, the authorization may be renewed two additional times with adequate progress (completion of 9 credits or as designated by the program plan).
- **IMPORTANT:** The LEA is responsible for participating in the preparation/performance of those individuals on an alternative authorization or non-traditional certificate through support and the mentor program that aligns to the State Board of Education-approved [Idaho Mentor and Induction Program Standards](#).
- It is imperative for the LEA to make sure the individual on an approved authorization is demonstrating adequate progress toward full certification/endorsement.

## Alternative Authorizations

- There are four types of authorizations: Alternative Authorization – Content Specialist, Alternative Authorization – Pupil Service Staff, Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New Certification and the Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New Endorsement. It is imperative to vet candidates before hire/placement to ensure they qualify for an authorization. Reference the application packets and additional information available on the Alternative Authorizations website at: <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/apply/alt-auth.html>. A brief overview of each authorization type is provided below.
  - **Alternative Authorization – Content Specialist** can be used for an individual who does not hold Idaho certification but is willing to complete an educator preparation program (traditional or ABCTE) for certification and proper endorsement that aligns to the assignment.
    - The person must qualify for the application (see application packet for details).
    - Candidate must have baccalaureate degree or will be doing their student teaching some time during the first year of the authorization.



- Content Specialist for ABCTE candidates can only be used if the candidate needs additional time to pass the ABCTE assessments. See nontraditional section if the person has already obtained the ABCTE Professional Teaching Certificate.
- **Alternative Authorization – Pupil Service Staff** can be used for School Counselor, School Social Worker. The authorization may also be used for School Psychologist and Speech Language Pathologist endorsements when a person does not already qualify for the applicable interim certificate listed in the Idaho Administrative Code beginning on page 9:  
<https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/08/080202.pdf>.
- **Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New Certification** can be used for an individual who holds a valid certificate but not in the area needed by the LEA. Examples include:
  - A person who holds a valid Standard Instructional Certificate qualifies to use the Teacher to New Certification to add an Administrator Certificate.
  - A person who has an Administrator Certificate qualifies to use the Teacher to New Certification to add a Standard Instructional Certificate.
  - A person who holds a Standard Instructional Certificate qualifies to use the Teacher to New for add a Pupil Service Staff certificate, etc.
- **Alternative Authorizations – Teacher to New Endorsement** can be used for an individual who holds a current valid Idaho endorsement but not in the area needed by the LEA. The person must be willing to meet the requirements in order to add the certificate/endorsement. There are three options/routes for obtaining a new endorsement (see application packet for details).
  - **Option I** of the Teacher to New Endorsement allows a person to use a traditional program to add an endorsement and can be renewed two additional times with adequate progress.
  - **Option II** of the Teacher to New Endorsement allows a person who has already completed a master’s degree in the specific content area to add the endorsement by demonstrating proficient teaching in the new endorsement area through completion of one-year successful teaching as indicated by completion of the mentor program requirements.
  - **Option III** of the Teacher to New Endorsement allows a person to add ANY instructional endorsement through content assessment and demonstration of performance through one-year successful teaching as indicated by completion of the mentor program requirements. Option III of the Teacher to New Endorsement is not renewable.

**NOTE:** if an LEA requests the 7014 Blended Elementary Education/Elementary Special Education (4-6), the candidate must already hold the 7083 Blended Early childhood/Early Childhood.

## Non-traditional Programs

There are four non-traditional Programs in Idaho: American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE), College of Southern Idaho (CSI), Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC), and Teach for America (TFA). General information is provided below. Additional information and guidance for each non-traditional program is found at: <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/be-an-educator/files/non-trad/Non-Traditional-Routes-Summary.pdf>



- Non-traditional programs **do not** require a district/charter to submit an authorization application. The candidate works directly with the program to obtain documentation which allow the candidate to apply for the three-year Idaho Interim Certificate.
- It is important to remember that the LEA is part of the candidate’s preparation program.
- Candidates using CSI, LCSC or TFA will be required to obtain a letter from the program which includes information indicating the candidate has enrolled in the program, has an applicable qualifier, and the specific LEA that is part of the consortium. The candidate then applies directly with the Idaho Department of Education for a three-year interim certificate which allows the individual to be the teacher of record in the applicable endorsement area while they are completing the module/mastery-based program, in addition to the required two-year mentor program and any additional state specific requirements, (i.e., ICLC/ICLA and the TMT as applicable to the endorsement area).
- Candidates using ABCTE who have already completed the ABCTE assessments and have received the ABCTE issued “Professional Teaching Certificate” can apply directly to the Idaho Department of Education for the three-year ABCTE Interim Certificate. A LEA can apply for an Alternative Authorization – Content Specialist if time is needed for the candidate to pass the applicable ABCTE assessments. The Alternative Authorization is a three-year interim certificate; therefore, candidates will need to complete the mentor program and any additional state specific requirements (i.e., ICLC/ICLA and the TMT as applicable to the endorsement area) during the three-year authorization time frame.

## State Board of Education Emergency Provisional Certificate

- It is imperative to vet candidates before hire/placement to ensure the person qualifies for a provisional certificate. Reference the application packets and additional information available on the following website: <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/apply/alt-auth.html>.
- State Board of Education Emergency Provisional Certificate can **only** be used for emergency hire situations. Provisional certificates can only be used when all other avenues have been exhausted. Information relevant to the SBOE Emergency Provisional includes:
  - Candidate must have an associate’s degree or at least 48 college/university credits.
  - It is for a person who does not hold certification and the LEA must attest to the recruitment efforts which lead to the emergency situation.
  - An emergency must be declared in the board minutes, including the candidate’s name.
  - Provisional certificates are approved by the State Board of Education.
  - **Important Note:** The State Board of Education Emergency Provisional Certificate **cannot** be issued for special education endorsement areas, administrators, pupil service staff or Career and Technical Education.



## Public Charter School Administrator Certificate and Public Charter School-Specific Teacher Certificate

- The application packets are available at:
  - Public Charter School Administrator Certificate: <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/files/general/Public-Charter-Teacher-Application.pdf>
  - Public Charter School-Specific Teacher Certificate: <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/files/general/Public-Charter-Admin-Application.pdf>