

# I want to become an educator in Idaho

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

## **016. IDAHO EDUCATOR CREDENTIAL**

The State Board of Education authorizes the State Department of Education to issue certificates and endorsements to those individuals meeting the specific requirements for each area provided herein. (Section 33-1201, Idaho Code) (3-16-04)

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To qualify for an Idaho certificate/credential, a candidate must:

- Complete an Idaho state-approved college/university educator preparation program and have a current Institutional Recommendation from the college/university\*

**OR**

- Complete an out-of-state, NCATE, TEAC, or CAEP-accredited college/university educator preparation program and have a current Institutional Recommendation from the college/university\*\*

**OR**

- Complete the non-traditional program of American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) or Teach for America (TFA) if applicable

**OR**

- Hold a full, current, valid certificate/credential from out of state\*\*\*

\* The Idaho State Department of Education cannot evaluate transcripts to determine if a candidate is eligible for certification.

\*\* If a candidate completes an out-of-state, state-approved educator preparation program that does not have NCATE, TEAC, or CAEP-accreditation, he/she may have to apply for that state's certification in order to use that full, current, valid, out-of-state certificate to apply for Idaho certification.

\*\*\* Temporary/emergency and substitute teaching certificates are not eligible.

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**NOTE:** If an Idaho public school district or charter school wishes to fill an area of need with a candidate who has not yet completed her/his educator preparation program, the district/charter can apply for an alternative authorization. If the application is approved by the Professional Standards Commission's Authorizations Committee, the candidate would be authorized to serve in that area of need while he/she simultaneously completes her/his educator preparation program. The candidate must be enrolled in an educator preparation program for the same area of certification/endorsement for which the alternative authorization is applied. For more information, please visit the following website: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/alt-auth.html>

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For more information about applying for initial certification, please visit the following website:

<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/apply/index.html>

For more information about applying for Idaho certification with a full, current, valid, out-of-state certificate, please visit the following website:

<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/apply/out-of-state.html>

For more information about the non-traditional routes of ABCTE and TFA, please visit the following website:

<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/non-trad.html>