

INFORMATION SHEET

How To Maintain CREDENTIALS



1987 Certification Standards

For Certificate Holders

Licensure Standards

Certificate Renewal or Conversion

PRIOR to 9/1/98

PROVISIONAL RENEWAL (4 YEAR)

6 semester hours or 18 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) or combination: reduced one semester hour or 3 CEUs for each year of teaching under the certificate to be renewed.

CONVERSION TO PROFESSIONAL (8 YEAR)

3 years experience and 30 semester hours since issuance or if master's degree is held at issuance, master's degree + 6 semester hours.

PROFESSIONAL RENEWAL (8 YEAR)

12 semester hours or 36 CEUs or combination; reduced one semester hour or 3 CEUs for each year of teaching under the certificate to be renewed.

CONVERSION TO PERMANENT

5 years experience under 8 year certificate plus 12 semester hours earned since issuance of professional and master's degree.

PERMANENT

(no further requirements for certification and no need to convert to a license)

The PROVISIONAL (4 Year) certificate may be renewed one time under prior certification standards after 9/1/98, and before 9/2/02.

The PROFESSIONAL (8 Year) certificate may be renewed under prior standards until 9/2/06.

After the one renewal and prior to expiration of the renewed certificate, 6 semester hours, 18 CEUs or approved equivalent activities must be completed to qualify for issuance of the first Five Year license.

The PROVISIONAL certificate may (if eligible) be converted to a PROFESSIONAL certificate under the prior certification standards before 9/2/02.

The PROFESSIONAL certificate may (if eligible) be converted to a PERMANENT certificate under the prior certification standards before 9/2/03. After that date, permanent certificates will no longer be issued.

License Renewal Under Standards Effective January 1, 1998

PROVISIONAL LICENSE (2 YEAR)

Required for entry year, may be used for substitute teaching. 3 semester hours to renew (6-9 hours if lapsed).

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE (5 YEAR)

Provisional license plus successful completion of Entry Year Program and performance assessment.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE (5 YEAR) [first renewal]

6 semester hours or 18 CEUs or approved equivalent activities or combination approved by local professional development committee (LPDC).

PROFESSIONAL (5 YEAR) [second renewal]

Master's degree or 30 semester hours or graduate credit; if master's degree already obtained - 6 semester hours or 18 CEUs or approved activities (LPDC).

Those who held certificates under previous standards are exempted from the master's degree or 30 semester hour requirement for second renewal, but still need the 6 hours, 18 CEUs or equivalent activities.

PROFESSIONAL (5 YEAR) [further renewals]

6 semester hours or 18 CEUs or approved activities (LPDC).

Persons certificated under prior standards maintain their subject areas and grade levels under the Five Year Professional License.

