

Connecticut Welcomes Educators Displaced by the 2019 & 2020 Earthquakes



Welcome to Connecticut. We hope your move to our state goes smoothly, and that this general information about Connecticut educator certification helps you transition your professional educator certification, so that you can serve in Connecticut's public schools as soon as possible. We know that obtaining documentation may present special challenges right now. If you cannot obtain official documentation at this time, submit copies if available. We will review each application individually to determine your eligibility for a certificate, interim permit, or other authorization.

Waiving Coursework

For teaching and special services, you may qualify for a Connecticut certificate, if:

- you have completed a state-approved educator preparation program in another U.S. state or Puerto Rico; or
- you have 30 months of full-time experience in another U.S. state or Puerto Rico within the last 10 years under a valid certificate from that state, which is at least equivalent to a Connecticut initial certificate.

You may still need to meet degree, testing, and experience requirements. Connecticut does not waive coursework for administrative certificates. **More information is available from “Obtaining Connecticut Educator Certification” at www.ct.gov/sde/cert.**

Testing Exemption or Deferral

You may be exempt from assessment requirements if you have three years of successful experience in the subject or field in which you are seeking certification, in the past 10 years, under a valid certificate that is equivalent to at least a Connecticut initial educator certificate.

If you are not eligible for a testing exemption, once you meet all requirements except testing you are likely eligible for a one-year interim certificate with a deferral of the testing. Educators with a deferral must meet all testing requirements before the expiration of the interim certificate to be eligible for another certificate. **Test requirements are available from the “Guide to Assessments for Certification in Connecticut” at www.ct.gov/sde/cert.**

How to Apply

To determine eligibility for testing exemption and certification, apply now. The quickest and easiest way to apply and pay the nonrefundable application review fee of \$50 is to create an account on the Connecticut Educator Certification System (CECS) at www.ct.gov/sde/cert.

Submit as many of the required documents below as you can. Please submit a note or email indicating any items you are not able to supply at this time.

- An ED 125 Statement of Preparing Higher Education Institution (www.ct.gov/sde/certapps) from the college or university where you completed your educator preparation program.
- ED 126 Statements of Professional Experience (www.ct.gov/sde/certapps) documenting teaching experience completed within the past 10 years or so.
- Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts in English for all coursework completed at regionally accredited colleges and universities.
- Copies of the front and back of your authorizations for the past 10 or so years of service.
- Copies of any Praxis score reports to determine if testing you have already completed will meet Connecticut requirements.

Once we review your application, we will email you a credential letter that details your eligibility, status, and the balance of the certification fee, which varies depending on level of certificate.

Questions? Email teacher.cert@ct.gov with the words “Puerto Rico Applicant” in the subject line, or call 860-713-6969 between 12 and 4 p.m. on Monday and Thursday.