

TEACHER LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET) ▪ Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT) ▪ Oklahoma Professional Teaching Exam (OPTE)

Row Identifier	(Option 1) Traditional Teaching Certificate ALL AREAS Law: 70 O.S. § 6-195	(Option 2) Alternative Teaching credential Law: 70 O.S. § 6-122.3	(Option 3) ABCTE PassPort to Teaching Middle and Secondary Level Certificate Areas Law: SB 582 - Effective 4-22-09	(Option 4) Troops to Teachers Defense Authorization Act Public Law 102-484
	Effective November 1, 2009			
Degree ➤	Hold a bachelor's degree	Hold a bachelor's degree in an area that corresponds to an Oklahoma teaching certificate other than Early Childhood Elementary Education, <u>Special Education</u>	Hold a bachelor's degree	AD = Active Duty RC = Reserve Component To qualify, a service member must meet one of the requirements below: AD-1 – Retired from active duty. AD-2 – Active duty member with approved date of retirement with one year or less remaining before retirement. AD-3 – Separated on or after January 8, 2002, for a physical disability. Must register within four years after separation. Trops to Teachers applicants pursue certification via the Alternative Placement Program.
Preparation ➤	Have a certification recommendation from an Oklahoma institution of higher education	Verify <u>2</u> years of related experience <u>after bachelor's degree</u> OR college credit above a bachelor's degree Not required for Troops to Teachers	Accepted by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)	
Pre Cert Credential Req ➤			ABCTE issues a credential	
Testing ➤	Pass the OGET, appropriate OSAT(s), and the OPTE	Pass the OGET and desired OSAT(s) <u>except Early Childhood, Elementary Education, and Special Education</u>	Pass ABCTE desired middle level & secondary subject test and professional teacher test	
Requirement ➤	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	
Additional Requirement ➤		Receive a recommendation for certification from the Oklahoma Teacher Competency Review Panel Receive approval from the State Board of Education		
Initial Credential ➤	OSDE Issues certificate	OSDE Issues 3 yr credential	Middle Level or Secondary credential (Valid for 1 Year- non-renewable)	
Residency Program ➤	On Hiatus	On Hiatus	Participate in ABCTE mentoring program – One Year	
Additional Requirement ➤		Complete professional education requirements: semester hours and/or clock hours within 3 years Pass the OPTE within 3 years	Complete ABCTE mentoring program	
Standard Certificate ➤	OSDE Issues Certificate	OSDE Issues 5 yr Certificate	OSDE Issues Certificate	
Information ➤	Additional subjects may be added by testing except for Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education Effective 11-1-09	Additional subjects may be added by testing in Middle and Secondary Level Only Effective 11-1-09		

Row Identifier	(Column 5) Teach for America Initial Application to Teach for America Law: 70 O.S. § 6-195	(Column 6) Four-Year-Olds and Younger Certificate Law: 70 O.S. § 11-103.7	Column 7) Career Development Program for Paraprofessionals to be Certified Teachers Law: 70 O.S. § 6-127A	(Column 8) Out-of-state Teachers Seeking Oklahoma License or Certificate	(Option 9) Non-Traditional Special Education
Degree ➤	Hold a bachelor's degree	Hold a bachelor's degree	Hold a bachelor's degree	Hold a bachelor's degree	Hold a Bachelor's
Preparation ➤	Accepted by Teach for America	Have 5 years experience with the Head Start Program	Have 1 year of experience as a teaching assistant in a public school in the area for which a teaching license is being pursued.		Complete 150 hr. State Board approved boot camp
Pre-requisite Credential ➤		Hold a current Child Development Associate (CDA) – 120 Clock Hours		Hold an out-of-state credential	Verification of boot camp completion
Testing ➤	Pass the OGET and the desired OSAT(s)	Pass the OGET and the OSAT in Early Childhood Education	Pass the OGET, pass at least one subject area test: Early Childhood Education, or Elementary Education, or Special Education, and the OPTE	Pass the OGET, the appropriate OSAT(s), and the OPTE OR Provide proof from the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation of having passed out-of-state test(s) equivalent to the Oklahoma test(s) - Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation Rules -	Not required for the provisional but OPTE, OGET and OSAT are required by the end of the 3 rd yr
Requirement ➤	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	
Additional Requirement ➤					
Initial Credential ➤	OSDE Issues certificate (2-year validity)	OSDE Issues Standard Certificate	OSDE Issues one-year certificate (1-year renewable for up to 3 years)	OSDE Issues two-year provisional Certificate	OSDE issues a one-year provisional certificate
Residency Program ➤	Complete the course-work provided by Teach for America Program	Oklahoma Resident Teacher Program <u>not</u> required	On Hiatus	On Hiatus	On Hiatus
Additional Requirement ➤	Pass the Oklahoma Professional Teaching Exam within 3 years		Complete 12 semester hours professional education coursework from an accredited institution of higher education which has an accredited program related to license sought, including a minimum of 3 semester hours in reading instruction, from a higher education program accredited by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (OCTP).	If subject to Okla. Exams, applicant must pass Oklahoma Exams (all 3 types) or show equivalency as determined by the OCTP and teach for one year in Oklahoma.	Must complete 6 college credit hours to renew the one-year certificate (2 renewals max). Must complete 18 total credit hours and receive college recommendation for a standard certificate by the end of 3 rd yr
Standard Certificate ➤	OSDE Issues Certificate		OSDE Issues Certificate (Standard Certificate 5-Year Validity)	OSDE Issues Certificate	OSDE Issues Certificate upon recommendation from the college
Information ➤	Additional subjects may be added by testing (except E.C., Elem and SPED, unless TFA verifies prog)	Additional subjects may <u>not</u> be added by testing	Additional subjects(except elementary, early childhood and special ed) may be added by testing <u>only</u> when a standard certificate is earned.	Additional subjects may be added by testing (except E.C., Elem and SPED)	Additional subjects may be added by testing (except for early childhood & elementary