

TEACHER LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES

- Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET) - Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT) - Oklahoma Professional Teaching Exam (OPTE) - Praxis Performance Assessment for Teachers (PPAT)

Row Identifier	(Option 1) Traditional Teaching Certificate ALL AREAS	(Option 2) Alternative Teaching credential	(Option 3) ABCTE PassPort to Teaching Middle and Secondary Level Certificate Areas	(Option 4) Troops to Teachers Defense Authorization Act
	Law: 70 O.S. § 6-195	Law: 70 O.S. § 6-122.3 Effective November 1, 2009	Law: SB 582 - Effective 4-22-09	Public Law 102-484
Degree ➤	Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college	Bachelor's degree from an accredited college + 2.5 retention GPA or 2 yrs qualified work experience or Terminal degree	Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college	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. Troops to Teachers applicants pursue certification via the Alternative Placement Program.
Preparation ➤	Have a certification recommendation from an Oklahoma institution of higher education	Demonstrate competency with one of the following: Academic major in an applicable certification area, academic minor in applicable area + 1 yr relevant experience, 3 yrs. qualified experience, publication in a peer-reviewed article.	Accepted by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)	
Pre Cert Credential Req ➤		Alternative Placement Evaluation application and \$50 fee	ABCTE issues a credential	
Testing ➤	Pass the OGET, appropriate OSAT(s), and either the OPTE or PPAT	Pass the OGET and approved OSAT(s)	Pass ABCTE approved middle level and/or 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 ➤	Application and \$50 fee	Initial Alternative Certification application and \$50 fee	Application and \$50 fee	
Initial Credential ➤	OSDE Issues certificate	OSDE Issues 3 yr credential	Middle Level or Secondary credential (Valid for 1 Year- non-renewable)	
Additional Requirement ➤	N/A	Complete professional education requirements: semester hours and/or clock hours within 3 years Pass the OPTE or PPAT within 3 years	Complete ABCTE mentoring program and submit verification with application and \$50 fee	
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 and Elementary, Education (unless E.C. or Elem prog was completed) Effective 11-1-09	Additional teaching fields may be added by testing <u>except for early childhood and elementary education</u> (Effective 11-1-09) *May test in SPED only if certified in a core academic area	Since the OSDE cannot renew the initial certificate you may not wish to apply until you have secured employment.	

▪ (See Reverse Side for Additional Certification Procedures) ▪

Row Identifier	(Option 5) Teach for America Initial Application to Teach for America Law: 70 O.S. § 6-195	(Option 6) Four-Year-Olds and Younger Certificate Law: 70 O.S. § 11-103.7	(Option 7) Career Development Program for Paraprofessionals to be Certified Teachers Law: 70 O.S. § 6-127A	(Option 8) Out-of-state Teachers Seeking Oklahoma License or Certificate	(Option 9) Non-Traditional Special Education
Degree ➤	Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college	Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college	Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college with at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA	Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college	Hold a Bachelor's from an accredited college (2.75GPA)
Preparation ➤	Accepted by Teach for America	Have 5 years experience with the Head Start Program	Have 1 year of experience as a para in an accredited 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 a full out-of-state credential	Verification of boot camp completion
Testing ➤	Pass the approved TFA Praxis exams	Pass the OGET and the OSAT in Early Childhood Education	Pass the OGET, pass at least one subject area test in the area of experience earned (Early Childhood Education, or Elementary Education, or Special Education) and either the OPTE or PPAT	None required -	Not required for the provisional but OGET, OSAT and either the OPTE or PPAT 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	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check
Additional Requirement ➤	Teach For America Rep. submits online application and transcripts		Application for Paraprofessional certificate and \$30 fee	Certificate application and \$50 fee	Non-Traditional SPED application and \$50
Initial Credential ➤	OSDE Issues certificate (2-year validity)		OSDE Issues three-year certificate		OSDE issues a one-year provisional certificate
Additional Requirement ➤	TFA representative must verify that all their requirements have been completed. Applicant then must apply and pay \$50 fee	Applicant submits Four Year Olds and Younger applicant and \$50 fee	Complete 12 sem. hrs professional education coursework in cert. area, including a minimum of 3 sem. Hrs. in reading instruction, to be verified and taken from an Oklahoma accredited institution of higher education which has an approved program accredited by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA). Also need a recommendation from employer, app & \$50	Submit Proof of Teaching form to School Personnel Records at the OSDE to get credit for year of out-of-state experience	Complete 6 college credit hrs. in a non-traditional SPED prog. to renew (2 renewals only). At end of 3 rd . yr have competed 18 college credit hrs * or earn masters in SPED app & \$50 *College must verify
Standard Certificate ➤	OSDE Issues Certificate		OSDE Issues Certificate	OSDE Issues Certificate	OSDE Issues certificate
Information ➤	Additional subjects may be added by testing (except E.C., Elem and SPED, unless TFA verifies prog)	Additional subjects may not be added by testing	Additional subjects may not be added by testing	Additional subjects may be added by testing (except E.C. and Elem unless area/s are on the out of state credential)	Additional subjects may be added by testing. Elem and Early Childhood tests can be added ONLY for purposes of being teacher of record in SPED setting