

CERTIFICATION CHANGES

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EMERGENCY BILINGUAL/ESOL SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATES

Designed to aid the non-English
speaking students into classrooms.





BILINGUAL SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATE

- ▶ Emergency regulation application from September 1, 2024- August 31, 2025
- ▶ Must have a Superintendent Support Commitment entered by the district into the TEACH account.
- ▶ Can either use the BEA Flexibility (passing only the BEA) or only coursework (you have completed this as part of a TPP and were recommended but have not passed the BEA).
- ▶ Valid for five years- the applicant should be working to fulfill the rest of the full certificate requirements during that time.
- ▶ There are no time extensions for this certificate.



ESOL SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATE

- ▶ Emergency regulation application from September 12, 2023-August 31, 2025.
- ▶ Must have a Superintendent Support Commitment entered by the district into the TEACH account.
- ▶ Flexibility to either obtain the certificate by passing the ESOL CST or by having taken 12 credits in ESOL.
- ▶ Valid for five years- the applicant should be working to fulfill the rest of the full certificate requirements during that time.
- ▶ There are no time extensions for this certificate.

EXAM FLEXIBILITY



Implemented February 2025



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- ▶ Went into effect February 25, 2025.
- ▶ This flexibility involves several opportunities to prove competence if the applicant does not pass the NYSTCE exam(s).
 1. Flex- this is a portfolio designed and scored by Pearson. This option is not available yet.
 2. Waiver- The applicant meets the .5 SEM exam score and can provide transcripts indicating a minimum 3.5 GPA on a conferred degree.
- ▶ This regulation allows for NYSED-approved, out-of-state exams to be used in place of a particular NYSTCE. This option is not available yet.

ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATE & SUPERINTENDENT EXTENSION



Implemented in January 2025



THE ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATE AND SUPERINTENDENT EXTENSION

- ▶ New certification is designed to reflect the changing landscape of administrator positions in New York State.
- ▶ Combines all building-level and district-level leadership positions, except those that include “superintendent” in the title, into a single certification title aligned to the New York State version of the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSELs).
- ▶ To work in those positions that include “superintendent” in the title, educators who hold the new Professional Administrator certificate would also need to obtain the new Superintendent Extension.



THE ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATE AND SUPERINTENDENT EXTENSION

<https://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/admincert.html>

- On this page: a decision tree, step-by-step instructions for applying, and an FAQ that includes the scope of practice.
- ▶ SBL/SDL is on one set of track and the Administrator/Superintendent Ext are on another set of tracks.
- ▶ Note: the biggest change is to the addition of the Individual Evaluation pathway for an admin certificate.
- ▶ Nothing has changed for the SDBL.

PROPOSED TEACHING ASSISTANT INITIAL/PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE



← PROPOSED TA INITIAL/PROFESSIONAL → CERTIFICATE

- ▶ Changes to the current structure would streamline the certificate process for TAs and districts.
- ▶ Opens opportunities to move from TA to classroom teacher.
- ▶ Registered programs for TA to teacher candidates.

Requirements	Initial TA Certificate	Professional TA Certificate
Education	HS Diploma	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor's degree, or• Complete a registered TA program, or• HS diploma and 18 S.H. of specified pedagogical/subject area coursework
Exam	ATAS, except for candidates who hold or held a teaching certificate and passed a content knowledge certification exam	ATAS, except for candidates who hold or held a teaching certificate and passed a content knowledge certification exam
Experience		Three years TA or one year teacher
Scope of Practice	Same as current Level I, II, and III TA	Same as Pre-Professional TA (expanded)
Validity Period	5 years, continually renewable with 100 hours of CTLE	Continuously valid, subject to registration and CTLE requirements



PROPOSED TA INITIAL/PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

Timeline

If adopted at the July 2025 Board of Regents meeting, the following timeline would be used to phase in the new certificate structure.

Date	Activity
July 30, 2025	Candidates may apply for the Initial TA and Professional TA certificates, and institutions of higher education may apply to register Teaching Assistant programs.
August 31, 2025	Last day for candidates to apply for a Level I TA certificate.
December 31, 2025	Last day for candidates to qualify for a Level I TA certificate, provided that Level I certificates may be renewed on one occasion on or before February 1, 2029.
August 31, 2028	Last day for candidates to apply for a Level II TA certificate.
December 31, 2028	Last day for candidates to qualify for a Level II TA certificate.
August 31, 2031	Last day for candidates to apply for a Level III TA certificate.
December 31, 2031	Last day for candidates to qualify for a Level III TA certificate. Candidates need to hold, or have held, a Level I, Level II, Emergency COVID-19 TA certificate to obtain Level III TA certification or a continuing certificate authorizing employment as a teaching assistant.