Rule 290-3-2-.17  Additional Teaching Field Approach Based on a Professional Educator Certificate, Experience, and a Test Score.

(1) Overview.

(a) This approach is commonly referred to as certification based on test (CBT).
(b) An applicant who holds a valid Professional Educator Certificate in a teaching field as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.03(2) and in Rule 290-3-2-.17(2)(c) may be able to add a Class B certificate in early childhood education (P-3), elementary education (K-6), and most middle level (4-8), secondary (6-12), and P-12 teaching fields if the applicant meets the experience and Praxis II subject area test(s) requirements of the Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program (AECTP).
(c) The Additional Teaching Field approach is available only in the subjects and grade levels listed on Form CBT in effect on the date the application is received in the Office.

(2) Limitations on Issuance.

(a) The Additional Teaching Field approach is not available to an individual who holds only a valid Professional Educator Certificate in an area of instructional support or a Professional Leadership Certificate.
(b) The Additional Teaching Field approach is not available to an individual who holds only an Alternative Baccalaureate-Level Certificate, Career and Technical Alternative Baccalaureate-Level Certificate, Special Alternative Certificate, Preliminary Certificate, Career and Technical Level and/or Type and/or Specialty Area Certificate, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Certificate, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Certificate, Emergency Certificate, or Career and Technical Education Temporary Certificate.
(c) Certification through this approach in the teaching fields of early childhood education (P-3) and elementary education (K-6) is only available to an applicant who holds a valid Professional Educator Certificate in one of the following teaching fields: early childhood education (P-3), elementary education (K-6 or K-9), early childhood special education (P-3), collaborative teacher (K-6), elementary multiple abilities (K-6).
(3) Requirements.

(a) Experience Requirement.
1. An applicant seeking certification in a teaching field other than early childhood education (P-3) or elementary education (K-6) must have verified two full scholastic years of full-time classroom teaching experience within a P-12 setting. Partial years cannot be combined to meet this requirement. Experience must be verified on Supplement EXP.

2. An applicant seeking certification in the teaching fields of early childhood education (P-3) and/or elementary education (K-6) must verify two full scholastic years of full-time classroom teaching experience within the grade range of the new certificate being sought. Partial years cannot be combined to meet this requirement. Experience must be verified on Supplement EXP.

(b) Testing Requirement. An applicant using this approach must attain a current passing score for the prescribed Praxis II subject area test(s) of the Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program (AECTP) for the teaching field.

(4) Application for the Professional Educator Certificate. The appropriate Class B Professional Educator Certificate may be issued through the Additional Teaching Field approach when the applicant has met all of the following requirements:

(a) A valid Professional Educator Certificate in a teaching field as prescribed in Rules 290-3-2-.03(2) and 290-3-2-.17(2)(c).

(b) Supplement EXP documenting two full scholastic years of full-time classroom teaching experience as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.17(3)(a)1. and 2.

(c) A current passing score on the prescribed Praxis II subject area test(s) of the Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program (AECTP) as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.01(6).

(d) Submission of Form CBT and completion of all requirements as prescribed on that form.

(5) Historical Information. The Additional Teaching Field approach became effective on April 14, 2006, upon adoption and implementation of the prescribed Praxis II subject area test(s). The teaching field of Driver and Traffic Safety Education was repealed from this option due to changes in the test requirement. Information pertaining to certification in Driver and Traffic Safety Education may be found in Rule 290-3-2-.30.