

Alabama State Department of Education
 Educator Certification Section

Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field (PCTF)				
This is an alternative approach to Alabama professional educator certification. These certificates may be requested in specific teaching fields for an individual who has met testing, degree, coursework, and experiential requirements.				
Grades K-12		Grades 6-12		Grades 4-8
Arabic	Latin	Agriscience Education	General Science	English Language Arts
Chinese	Music: Choral	Algebra I	General Social Science	General Science
Dance	Music: Instrumental	Biology	Geography	General Social Science
French	Russian	Business/Marketing Education	Geometry	Mathematics
German	Spanish	Career Technologies	Health Education	
Italian	Theatre	Chemistry	History	
Japanese	Visual Arts	Computer Science	Mathematics	
Korean		English Language Arts	Physical Education	
		Family and Consumer Sciences Education	Physics	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An individual must find a school system or nonpublic/private school to hire him/her on this certificate approach • Three one-year alternative certificates in the same teaching field must be held before an applicant is eligible to apply for professional certification in that teaching field • An employing Alabama county/city superintendent or eligible nonpublic/private school administrator must request all three certificates • Requirements must be met prior to October 1 and the application must be received no later than October 1 				
1st Certificate				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background clearance by both the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation (ASBI) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) through the Educator Certification Section • At least an earned bachelor's degree with an overall GPA of 2.75 (for bachelor's degree) and 3.0 (for master's degree) **See Addendum to Supplement FTZ if applicant does not have the required GPA** • Passing score(s) on the Alabama prescribed Praxis subject area test(s) for the teaching field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In teaching fields where a Praxis test is not available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An academic major in the teaching field, or • 32 semester hours of earned credit in the teaching field with at least 19 of the hours at the upper division level • Appropriate teaching assignment and mentor 				
2nd Certificate				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full year of full-time appropriate teaching experience while holding the 1st certificate • Credit earned in two of the four areas of required coursework (classroom management, evaluation of teaching and learning, special needs, and specific methods of teaching in the area of certification sought) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An individual who holds a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in a teaching field is only required to earn credit for the specific methods of teaching course to meet the coursework requirements of this approach • For the teaching fields of agriscience education, business/marketing education, career technologies, computer science, or family and consumer sciences education, completion of Session A of the Career and Technical Education Teacher Certification Program (CTE TCP) • Appropriate teaching assignment and mentor 				
3rd Certificate				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full year of full-time appropriate teaching experience while holding the 2nd certificate • Credit earned in the remaining two areas of required coursework (classroom management, evaluation of teaching and learning, special needs, and specific methods of teaching) • Appropriate teaching assignment and mentor 				
Professional Educator Certificate				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A passing score on the appropriate Educative Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) Handbook by the expiration date of the 3rd PCTF. • Full year of full-time appropriate teaching experience while holding the 3rd certificate • Application received no later than October 1 of the year the 3rd certificate expires 				
<p>This document is intended to provide a brief summary of the approach. For all-inclusive information, please see Supplement FTZ Application and Summary of Requirements for the First Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field. Information contained herein is subject to change.</p>				

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