

# Educator Certification Requirements

Summary of 2012 Legislative Changes with June **2014** Additions

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Facts\\_About\\_Teacher\\_Certification\\_In\\_Michigan\\_230612\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Facts_About_Teacher_Certification_In_Michigan_230612_7.pdf) and <http://on.fb.me/WyYTKx>

Types of Certificates	Provisional Certificate Renewals	Advancement to the Professional Education Certificate	Professional Education Certificate Renewal	Administrator Certificate
<p><b>Provisional</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valid up to 6 years</li> <li>Renewable up to twice; three yrs. each</li> <li>Possible third renewal or 2-yr. extension under specific circumstances</li> </ul> <p><b>Professional Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valid up to 5 ½ yrs.</li> <li>Renewed in 5 yrs increments</li> <li>No extensions</li> </ul> <p><b>Advanced Professional Education (optional)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New May, 2012</li> <li>Must hold Professional Certificate</li> <li>Valid for 5 yrs</li> <li>National Board Certified or completion of approved teacher leader training or preparation institute</li> <li>5 consecutive Effective or Highly effect ratings <i>Can be renewed.</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>First 3 Yr. Renewal (ONE of the following)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 semester hours in a planned course of study since the issuance of the Provisional Certificate</li> <li><b>150</b> SCECHs appropriate to grade level and content endorsement of certificate within the three years preceding the date of renewal</li> <li>Combination of credit hours and SCECHs** (<b>25</b> SCECHs** = 1 credit) = to 150 total earned within the three preceding years</li> <li>Completion of an approved master’s degree or higher degree at any time</li> </ul> <p><b>Second 3 Yr. Renewal (ONE of the following)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 semester hours in a planned course of study since the issuance of the first renewal request earned and within three years preceding the date of the second renewal application date.</li> <li><b>150</b> Continuing Education Clock Hours since the issuance of the first renewal earned and within three years of the second renewal application date.</li> <li>Combination of credit hours and SCECHs = to <b>150</b>** (<b>25</b> SCECHs** equate to 1 semester credit hour) earned since the first renewal and within three years preceding the second renewal</li> <li>Completion of an approved master’s or higher degree in areas appropriate to K-12 teaching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>3 years successful</b> teaching experience</li> <li>Appropriate <b>reading credit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 (sec) - 6 (elem) cr of reading or reading content (could be part of undergrad program)</li> <li>and . . . . 3 credits reading diagnostics</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>And ONE of the following since the issuance of the Provisional certificate:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 semester hours</li> <li><b>150</b> SCECHs**</li> <li>150 DPPD*</li> <li>Combination of the three (<b>Must earn 150 hours</b>)</li> <li>Approval of a Master’s Degree or higher at any time</li> </ul> <hr style="border: 1px dashed #ccc;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Definitions</b></p> <p>*District Provided Professional Development  ** SCECH (1 semester credit hour = <b>25</b> clock hours of DPPD</p>	<p><b>CHANGES</b> (ONE of the following)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of 6 semester credit hours at any EPI listed on page 16 of the linked document in the title line</li> <li>Earned <b>150</b> State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs**)</li> <li>Completed 150 annual District Provided Professional Development (DPPD) hours (<i>No longer a cap on DPPD hours per year. Any hours earned and approved by the district can be used</i>)</li> <li>Combination of semester credits, SCECHs** and/or DPPDs* (<b>Must earn 150 hours</b>)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PA 204 1/4/2010</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires administrators administering instructional programs to hold certificates</li> </ul> <p><b>Renewal/Validity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hired after 1/4/2010 must hold a valid administrator certificate</li> <li>Non-certified school administrator may be employed by a school district if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enroll in a program leading to cert not later than 6 months after date of employment</li> <li>3 years to obtain license</li> </ul> </li> <li>Those employed prior to 1/4/2010 do not need to earn the administrator certificate, but must meet the pd requirements for certificate renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every 5 yrs: 6 semester hours OR <b>150</b> SCECHs** OR a combination of the two completed within the five year period preceding the application date.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>