

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (ENDORSEMENT CODE: 0299)

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This endorsement authorizes the holder to be employed in a position that involves services as an administrative officer of a school or other comparable unit within a school or district in public schools in grades preschool through grade 12. Positions include principal, assistant principal, vice principal, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction and director.

To be eligible for the Principal Certificate of Eligibility, you will need to meet the following:

There are 3 options to be eligible for a Principal CE.

OPTION 1 (You must meet the following requirements):

Master's Degree Requirement

- A master's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university in educational leadership, or in curriculum and instruction, or in one of the recognized fields of leadership or management; **OR**
- A master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and complete a post-master's program resulting in a certificate of advanced study in educational administration and supervision; **OR**
- A master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and complete a post-master's program in a coherent sequence of 30 semester hour credits. The study must be completed at one institution in the fields outlined above **OR**
- A master's degree from an NCATE or TEAC approved program in educational leadership from an out-of-State college or university;

All credits/degree(s) must appear on a regionally accredited 4-year college/university transcript.

Required Graduate Study

- A minimum of 30 graduate credits, either within the master's program or in addition to it, in the following quality components of preparation to promote student learning as set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-3.4(a)1-6, the Professional Standards for School Leaders. These areas include:
 - Leading a common vision of learning in the school community;
 - Leading a climate and culture conducive to student learning and staff professional growth;
 - Leading a safe and effective environment for learning;
 - Leading the mobilization of resources, response to diverse needs, and collaboration with families and communities;
 - Leading with integrity and fairness; and
 - Leading with a perspective of the larger political, social, economic and legal context;

If you have completed a program in Educational Leadership, you will have met the requirements of the graduate study. If you have completed a program in an area other than Educational Leadership, you must send both official college catalog course descriptions for review AND an original letter from the Department Chairperson at the college or university outlining the course or courses in which the areas above are included. All graduate credits must appear on a regionally accredited 4-year college/university transcript.

Internship Requirement

- Complete a 300-hour internship **in educational leadership** independent of other course requirements.

Praxis Test Requirement

- Please contact Education Testing Service (ETS) to register for the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA, #11011). You must request to have your score sent to New Jersey by coding R7666. You must also include your social security number when completing your answer sheet. Only official score reports sent directly from ETS are accepted for certification. Not coding the NJ Dept. of Education (R7666) or listing your social security number may delay certificate issuance. Please go to <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/1112.pdf> for more details.

Certificate Requirement

- Please send in copy of a valid provisional or standard New Jersey or equivalent out-of-state instructional or educational services certificate.

Experience Requirement

- You must provide documentation evidencing completion of five years of successful educational experience under a valid provisional or standard New Jersey or equivalent out-of-state certificate. Please send in an original letter from a school official that includes information about full or part-time status, specific assignment, and dates of employment.

OPTION 2 (You must meet the following requirements):

Out-of-State Principal Certificate

- You will need to present a copy of a valid out-of-State principal certificate. Please also present a copy of the license under which your experience was completed if different from your current license.

Letter of Experience

- You will need official documentation of five years of successful full-time experience under the out-of-State certificate. This experience shall be in a school principal or assistant principal position with responsibility for functions delineated under the New Jersey principal endorsement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-12.3(b).

Master's Degree Requirement

- A master's or higher degree is required.

Test Requirement

- There is no Praxis requirement if you have met the above requirements.

OPTION 3 (You must meet the following requirements):

This option is only for candidates matriculated into a NJ or out-of-state approved educational leadership preparation program. Candidates must be matriculated into the program by September 1, 2008 and must apply to the Office of Licensure & Credentials by December 31, 2011.

Master's Degree Requirement

- A master's or higher degree in educational leadership is required.

Required Graduate Study

- You will need to complete 6 semester-hour graduate credits to include the following required areas:
 - School Finance
 - School Law

Test Requirement

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Fee Information

- The current cost of the certificate is \$190.
- **No checks or money orders will be accepted**
- Please make the payment online at <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/epay.htm>.
- **Please notify your examiner after payment has been made.**
- If you apply and are denied, you will be charged a fee of \$70.
- **All fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable**

IF YOU HAVE MET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, [CLICK HERE](#) TO APPLY ONLINE.

Applicant Checklist:

You cannot complete the entire application process online. After applying online, please submit ALL necessary documentation together IN A SINGLE PACKET to the NJ DOE in order to complete your application. Please put your tracking number or Social Security number on all documents that you send to our office. For this particular certificate, you will need to send in the following:

- Oath of allegiance/verification of accuracy form. (Available here: <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/forms/verify.pdf>)
- Official transcripts noting degree conferral and all other relevant transcripts. If possible, please have transcripts sent to you first and then forward them in the sealed envelope(s) together with any other documents.
- Copies of your Praxis test score report (May be submitted at a later date if you have not yet completed this requirement. See above for details.)
- Out-of-State teaching certificate. (If applicable, see above for details).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of experience. (If applicable, see above for details).. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee of \$190 paid online. |