

## ELEMENTARY WITH SUBJECT MATTER SPECIALIZATION: WORLD LANGUAGE GRADES 5-8 OTHER WORLD LANGUAGES (1191)

In order to be eligible for the Certificate of Eligibility (CE), you will need to apply and meet the following requirements:

### TO AVOID DELAYS:

1. Apply online at <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/tcis/>
2. **After applying online, please submit ALL necessary documentation together IN A SINGLE PACKET to the NJ DOE.** For this certificate, you will need to submit the oath of allegiance/verification of accuracy form available under “Forms and Documents” on our website AND official transcripts. If possible, please have transcripts sent to you first and then forward them in the [sealed envelope\(s\)](#) together with any other documents.
3. Please put your tracking number OR your Social Security number on all documents that you send us.

### **Degree Requirement**

- A minimum of a bachelor’s degree is required for New Jersey professional educator certification.

### **Regional Accreditation**

- New Jersey requires that all course work/degree appear on a regionally accredited, four year college or university. The following accreditation associations are approved by the State of New Jersey:
  1. [Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools;](#)
  2. [New England Association of Schools and Colleges;](#)
  3. [North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;](#)
  4. [Northwest Association of School and Colleges;](#)
  5. [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;](#) and
  6. [Western Association of School and Colleges.](#)

### **Cumulative GPA Requirement**

- New Jersey requires that candidates for certification achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 when a GPA of 4.00 equals an A grade for students graduating on or after September 1, 2004 (2.50 for students graduating before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004) in a baccalaureate degree program, higher degree program or a State-approved post-baccalaureate certification program with a minimum of 13 semester-hour credits. If your transcript does NOT outline a GPA, please contact your college registrar to send an official letter stating the cumulative GPA upon completion of your bachelor’s, master’s, or State-approved post-baccalaureate certification program.

### **Elementary School Certification Requirement**

- Current regulations for certification require that applicants hold an Elementary School certificate in order to be eligible for Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization. For certification in Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization: OTHER WORLD LANGUAGES, you need to apply for and be eligible for the Elementary School certificate. Issuance of the Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization certificate will be contingent upon eligibility for the Elementary School certification.

### **Subject Matter Preparation**

- Current regulations for certification require that applicants complete a minimum of 15 credits in OTHER WORLD LANGUAGES. Courses in OTHER WORLD LANGUAGES educational pedagogy do not count towards the subject matter requirement. **All credits must appear on a regionally accredited 4-year college/university transcript. If courses are taken at a community college, those credits must be transferred to a regionally accredited 4-year college transcript.**

### **Course in the Characteristics of Young Adolescents Requirement**

- This course is not required for issuance of a CE. At this time, please be advised that this study is contained in the Provisional Training Program for alternate route candidates. There is no need to register for a course. This policy is subject to change.

### Test Requirement

- There is no Praxis II required for this endorsement.

### Oral Proficiency Interview

- The Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) in the desired language with a score of “Advanced Low” or higher is required, if a test is available. Please consult with the NJDOE if Language Testing International does not offer the test you require. You must possess linguistic competency in the designated world language as demonstrated on a Department-approved, nationally recognized test of oral language proficiency for spoken language, reading/writing proficiency for classical languages or receptive/expressive proficiency for American Sign Language. Information regarding this test may be found on the Language Testing International website at [www.language-testing.com](http://www.language-testing.com) or by calling Language Testing International by phone at (914) 963-7110.

### Second Language Acquisition & Related Methodologies

- Please note that before a CEAS or *standard* certificate may be issued, a minimum of three semester-hour credits in second language acquisition theory and related methodologies offered by a regionally accredited four year college or university must be completed. A list of approved courses to meet this requirement can be accessed at the following website: [www.state.nj.us/njded/aps/cccs/wl/courses.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/njded/aps/cccs/wl/courses.htm). **This course is not required in order to receive a CE.**

### Physiology and Hygiene Requirement

- This may be completed by presenting evidence of basic military training, OR by completing a course such as biology, health or nutrition that appears on a regionally accredited 4-year college or university transcript, OR by completing a 35 question True/False test administered in the county office of education. Please go to <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/county.htm> in order to contact a county office of education.

**FEE INFORMATION:** *As of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008, fees have been raised. Please go to <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/fees.pdf> for more details.* \$ The cost of the certificate is \$170. If you apply and are denied, you will be charged a fee of \$70. ***Please be advised that all fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable.***

### **\*\*I have read the requirements above and have applied. What are the next steps?**

1. You may check your application status online at any time: [https://www6.state.nj.us/DOE\\_TCIS\\_ASC/pages/appStatusSearch.jsp](https://www6.state.nj.us/DOE_TCIS_ASC/pages/appStatusSearch.jsp) Once all your application materials have been received and uploaded, the status of your application should change from INCOMPLETE to IN PROCESS. Please allow up to 15 days from the time that you send your application materials for the status to change to IN PROCESS. Once your application is IN PROCESS, please allow for an **8 to 12 week response time** depending on the type of certificate you apply for and the time of year that you apply. **Summer is the busiest time of year with correspondingly longer waiting periods.**
2. If you are eligible for the certificate, you will receive the certificate in the mail. If you are not eligible, an official evaluation will be sent to you via email. In order to update your email address on TCIS, please RE-REGISTER on TCIS. This applies to applicants who have already created a user id.