

# BILINGUAL/BICULTURAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (ENDORSEMENT CODE: 1480)

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**TO AVOID DELAYS:** After applying online, please submit **ALL** necessary documentation, including the oath of allegiance/verification of accuracy form, **together** in a **single packet** to the address below. If possible, please have transcripts sent to you first and then forward them in the sealed envelope(s) together with any other documents. Please include your Social Security number or tracking number in all correspondence with our office.

**NJ Department of Education  
Office of Licensure and Credentials  
PO Box 500  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500**

This endorsement entitles the holder to teach **Bilingual/Bicultural education** in all public schools.

## **Degree Requirement**

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree is required from a [regionally accredited college/university](http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/usaccred.htm). (<http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/usaccred.htm>)

## **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 those graduating before September 1, 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. Please note that a high praxis test score may offset a GPA that is lower than 2.75 but higher than 2.50. Click on the following link for more details: <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/gpa.htm>

## **Instructional Certification**

- You need to possess a NJ instructional certificate with an appropriate endorsement to the subject or grade level to be taught. Please see [www.nj.gov/njded/educators/license/certandend.htm](http://www.nj.gov/njded/educators/license/certandend.htm) for a list of instructional endorsements. You will need to apply and be eligible for an instructional certificate.

## **English Language Proficiency Tests**

- You must present evidence of passing oral and written English language proficiency tests (OPI & WPT). The English OPI must be passed with a score of at least Intermediate High. The English WPT must be passed with a score of at least Advanced Low. Information regarding these tests may be found on the Language Testing International website at [www.languagetesting.com](http://www.languagetesting.com) or by calling Language Testing International by phone at (914) 963-7110.

## **Target Language Proficiency Tests**

- You must present evidence of passing oral and written language proficiency tests (OPI & WPT) in your target language. Both of these tests must be passed with a score of at least Advanced Low. Information regarding these tests may be found on the Language Testing International website at [www.languagetesting.com](http://www.languagetesting.com) or by calling Language Testing International by phone at (914) 963-7110.

## **24 Hour Requirement**

- Effective October 31, 2009, eligibility for the elementary school (K-5) Certificate of Eligibility or instructional area Certificate of Eligibility requires candidates to demonstrate knowledge of basic pedagogical skills appropriate to the area of endorsement prior to the issuance of a certificate. The requirement may be met through successful completion of a minimum of 24 hours of study offered through a state-approved provider or through approved coursework at a NJ State-approved college as documented on a transcript. If submitting a Certificate of Completion for the 24 hour pre-service to meet this requirement, only original documentation will be accepted. Do not send copies or faxes. Please go to <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/> for details and a list of approved courses and providers.

## **Physiology and Hygiene Requirement**

- This requirement 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 2 or 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 **after** you apply online.

**Fee Information**

- **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.