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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Human Resource Managers

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Provisional Teacher Certification Registration Reminders

As school districts prepare for the start of the 2026-2027 school year, the New Jersey Department of Education reminds districts of the requirements and timelines associated with the Provisional Teacher Process (PTP). Adherence to these requirements is essential to ensure that teachers are appropriately certified, registered in a timely manner, and eligible to participate in the PTP. The reminders below briefly outline key responsibilities for districts when hiring and registering teachers who hold a Certificate of Eligibility (CE) or Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS).

Key Reminders

To support timely registration and compliance with certification requirements, districts are reminded of the following:

- Before hiring, school districts must confirm that the teacher candidate holds the appropriate certification in the endorsement area required for the position. Certification is verified via NJEdCert.
- The employing district must register the provisional teacher within 60 days of the date the teacher begins employment. A provisional teacher's registration submitted after the 60th day will be denied.
- Teachers holding a CE must provide the employing district with documentation demonstrating enrollment in a department-approved CE educator preparation program. The teacher must also provide a completed Verification of Program Completion (VOPC) confirming that the required 50-hour preprofessional experience was completed prior to beginning full-time teaching employment.

Training and information regarding the above requirements, as well as general PTP and NJEdCert information is located on the Department's [County & District Information](#) webpage.

Contact information

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