

## Maryland Teaching Certificates

A Maryland Teaching Certificate is a license to teach in MD accredited public schools and is required of all teachers, specialists, administrators and supervisors.

<b>TEACHING CERTIFICATES</b> <i>Issued in January or July</i>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS</b> <i>Send required items to the Department of Human Resources who will request the certificate or certificate renewal</i>
<b>Conditional *</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issued for 2 years with provisional contract status</li> <li>▪ Typically issued to new teachers who have not met Certification requirements</li> <li>▪ Renewed on a limited basis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimum of 12 credits per certificate taken at an accredited college with C or higher (<i>official transcripts required</i>)</li> <li>▪ Achieve Maryland qualifying scores on the PRAXIS I &amp; PRAXIS II</li> <li>▪ Proof of overall satisfactory school-related experience</li> </ul>
<b>Standard Professional I **</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meets all certification requirements</li> <li>▪ Employed by an accredited MD public/private school</li> <li>▪ Issued for 5 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 6 credits approved &amp; taken at an accredited college with C or higher (<i>official transcripts required</i>)</li> <li>▪ Proof of 3 years of overall satisfactory professional experience</li> <li>▪ Professional Development Plan</li> </ul>
<b>Standard Professional II **</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Completed SPC I renewal requirements</li> <li>▪ Issued for 5 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Completion of approved Master's degree (<i>official transcript required</i>)</li> <li style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ Verification of the completion of an approved 36-credit program [a minimum of 21 graduate credits &amp; 15 MSDE credits and/or post baccalaureate undergraduate credits (<i>official transcripts required</i>)]</li> <li>▪ Proof of 3 years of overall satisfactory professional experience</li> <li>▪ Professional Development Plan</li> </ul>
<b>Advanced Professional **</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Completed SPC II renewal requirements</li> <li>▪ Issued for 5 years (Must be renewed)</li> <li>▪ Must have taught 3 years at a satisfactory level</li> <li>▪ Holds Masters or Master's equivalency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 6 approved credits: graduate, MSDE, and/or equivalent units (<i>official transcripts required</i>)</li> <li>▪ Proof of 3 years of overall satisfactory professional experience</li> <li>▪ Professional Development Plan</li> </ul>
<b>Resident Teacher Certificate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issued for 2 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Resident teacher program completed (12 credits plus tests)</li> <li>▪ Proof of 1 year of overall satisfactory professional experience</li> </ul>
<b>60-hour post baccalaureate</b> <i>Does not result in a certificate, only applicable to FCPS salary advancement</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must hold or be eligible for an Advanced Professional Certificate</li> <li>▪ Coursework must include a minimum of 30 approved graduate credits and remaining 30 credits may be graduate, MSDE, or approved post-baccalaureate undergraduate credits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Make request for coursework evaluation by emailing certification@fcps.org</li> <li>▪ <u>Official</u> transcripts are required. No online reports are acceptable.</li> <li>▪ Non-renewable, since you only move to Lane 3 salary scale once</li> </ul>

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\*\*Failure to complete certification requirements will result in the loss of a certificate and termination. In certain cases, it may result in issuance of a conditional certificate, loss of tenure and eligibility for tuition reimbursement and after the first year possibly a reduction in salary. **May only by requested if local school system is unable to fill a position with a qualified person who holds a professional certificate. COMAR 13A12.01.08**