

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.

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

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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***