Getting Certified in New York State

A guide to initial teacher certification

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- All participant lines are muted
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Initial Certification

Approved Teacher Preparation Program Candidates
Initial Certification Requirements

- Completion of a teacher preparation program
- Teacher certification exams
- Workshops/seminars
- Fingerprinting
- TEACH Account/Application
# Certification Exams

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# Workshops

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* New requirement as of December 31, 2013
Fingerprinting

- See NYSED’s “Fingerprint Processing from Start to Finish” to learn more about the steps to getting fingerprinted.

- There is a $91.50 NYSED fingerprint processing fee.
Applying for Certification

- You apply for certification through New York State’s TEACH system. Through the TEACH system you can:
  - Create an account
  - Complete an application
  - Submit your payment
Frequently Asked Questions
How do I find out about certification requirements?

- NYSED’s “Learn how to get certified” webpage includes information on certification pathways and the steps to certification.

- You can also use NYSED’s “search certification requirements” webpage to learn about the requirements for the specific certificate(s) you are interested in.
How much does it cost to get certified?

- When applying through an approved preparation program pathway, there is an application fee of $50 per certificate.

- Other costs could include:
  - Fingerprinting
  - Workshop costs
  - Certification exam fees
New York State is no longer printing time-limited certificates (such as for initial certification). Instead certification will be verified through the TEACH system.

You can monitor the status of your application by logging in to your TEACH account.

- [http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/checkstatus2.html](http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/checkstatus2.html)
Resources

- Your school’s certification office
- TEACH
- New York State Teacher Certification Exams
  - http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/
- New York State’s Teacher Certification website
  - http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/
Thank you

Additional questions? Email: teacher.education@cuny.edu