

ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION

Initial/New Alternative Certification Applications

Name of Application	Description	Requirements
Alternative Preliminary Initial Application	Initial application for individuals who will be pursuing alternative certification in South Dakota.	Applicants applying for General Education Alt Cert, CTE Alt Cert, TFA Alt Cert, or Administrator Alt Cert must have this certificate prior to applying for Alternative Certification.
General Education Alternative Certification	For applicants with an active Alternative Preliminary certificate who have accepted a general education position with a public or Department-accredited school.	Must meet requirements of this certificate.
Teach for America (TFA) Alternative Certification	For applicants with an active Alternative Preliminary certificate and meet the requirements of the TFA National Teacher Corps and have accepted a position with a public or Department-accredited school.	Must meet requirements of this certificate.
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Alternative Certification	For applicants with an active Alternative Preliminary certificate who have accepted a CTE position with a public or Department-accredited school.	Must meet requirements of this certificate.
Special Education Alternative Certification	For applicants who have a valid professional or advanced teaching certificate and have accepted a position as a special education teacher in a public or Department-accredited school.	Must have three years of teaching experience in the past five years and meet all requirements of this certificate.
Administrator Alternative Certification	For applicants who have an active alternative preliminary certificate or educator certificate and have accepted a position as a principal or superintendent in a public or Department-accredited school.	Must meet requirements of this certificate.

Alternative Certification Renewal Applications

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Alternative Preliminary Certificate Renewal	For applicants who are not pursuing Alternative Certification but want to remain eligible to apply for an Alternative Certificate. This is a two-year renewable certificate.	Must complete renewal requirements.
Alternative Certification Renewal	For applicants who have an Alternative Certificate and are employed by a public or Department-accredited school.	Must complete renewal requirements and receive sign-off from the employing district or school.

Completion of Alternative Certification

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Alternative Certification Transition to Professional Certificate	For applicants who have completed all requirements of the alternative certification route and have received sign-off from the employing school district.	