

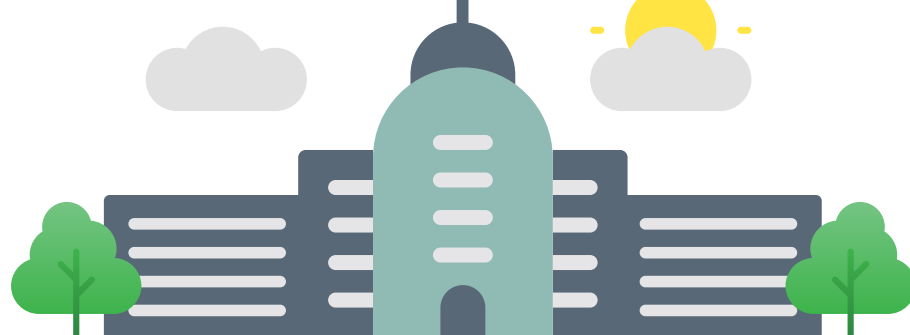
B.C. Teacher Certification Process for Internationally Educated Teachers



Introduction

In British Columbia, teachers working in the K-12 education system are required to hold certification from the Ministry of Education and Child Care. This certification upholds the province's high standards for education, ensuring that educators are professionally trained and well-prepared to provide high-quality educational experiences for all students.

The type of certificate an educator holds determines whether they are qualified to teach in all K-12 schools, only in certain types of schools, or in specific roles.



Key Organizations



Ministry of Education and Child Care – Teacher Regulation Branch (TRB)

- Receives and evaluates applications, provides information on required documents, notifies applicants of certification status and supports the certification and regulation of B.C.'s K-12 teachers.



Pathways to Teach Canada

- Evaluates professional qualifications, academic credentials, and language competency (if necessary), and provides a Credential Assessment to the TRB.



Teacher Qualification Service (TQS)

- Evaluates teachers' education and experience to determine salary category (for public schools only).



Types of Teaching Certificates



Certificate of Qualification (Professional Certificate of Qualification)

Allows teaching in public, independent, First Nations, and offshore schools.



Conditional Certificate of Qualification

Valid for up to five years, for those who need to complete additional requirements for a Certificate of Qualification.



Independent School Teaching Certificate

- Allows teaching in B.C. independent, First Nations, and offshore schools (but not public schools).
- System Restricted Certificate to Montessori or Waldorf, System Restricted Certificate to l'Agence pour l'Enseignement Français à l'Étranger, Subject Restricted Certificate, and School and Subject Restricted Certificate.



Letter of Permission

A special permit that allows a person to teach without a teaching certificate at a particular public school district, independent school authority, or First Nations School.



Key Steps for IETs



Check required documents (including additional documents for IETs)



Submit Pathways assessment to the TRB



Register for BCeID



Language competency assessment through Pathways (if required)



Apply to the TRB



TRB approval or further steps



Pathways to Teach Canada assessment (if required by TRB)



Important Considerations



Timelines

Processing times vary for the TRB, Pathways to Teach Canada and TQS. Refer to links provided on the website for current processing times.



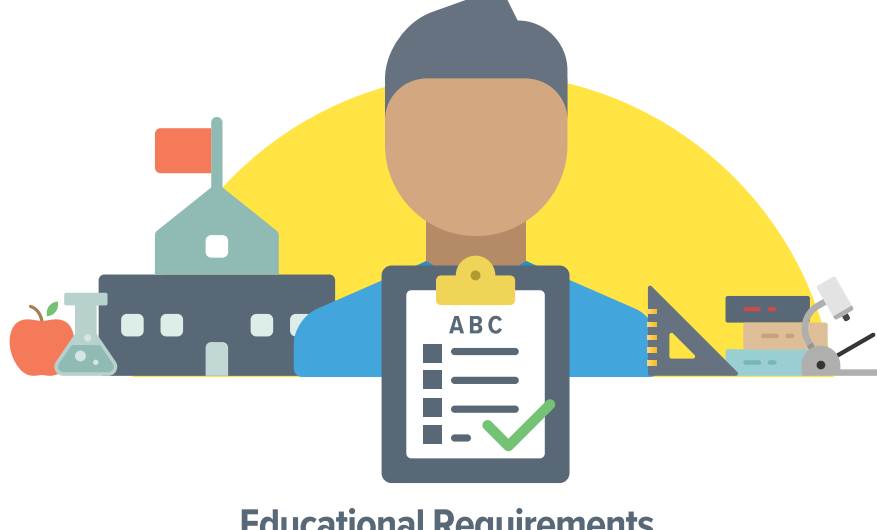
Costs

Fees vary depending on the services provided by each organization. Additional fees may apply for services such as language proficiency exams.



Additional IET Requirements

Familiarization courses may be required, including: "Introduction to the B.C. K-12 School System" and "Professional Standards for Educators".



Educational Requirements



Basic Requirements

Fitness to teach, completion of 120 credits of post-secondary study and fluency in English or French.



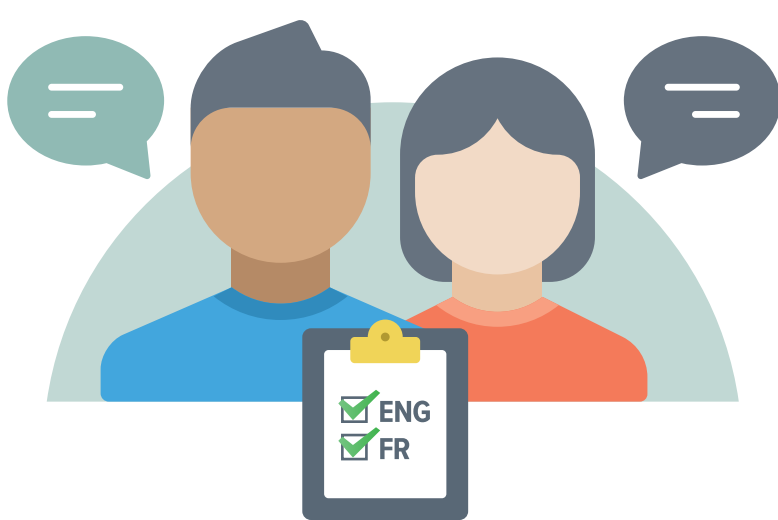
Academic preparation course credits

Specific coursework for elementary/middle school or secondary school teacher education programs.



Teacher education program

Includes in-class study and practicum.



Language Requirements

IETs must demonstrate English and/or French language proficiency.