



Certification and Registration

Overview

In Saskatchewan, you must meet specific criteria to be called a teacher and must hold a valid teacher's certificate in order to be engaged, appointed, employed or retained as a teacher or principal in any publicly funded school. A degree in education obtained through a university or a teacher education program is required.

In addition, teachers who have been issued a teacher's certificate and are working as teachers are required to register annually with the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board. All teachers who register with the SPTRB will be on the public registry.

Getting Certified as a Teacher

In order to teach in Saskatchewan's prekindergarten to Grade 12 education system, you must hold a Saskatchewan teacher's certificate issued by the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board. Certificates are also required to work in registered independent schools and may be required by schools operated by First Nations.

The requirements for obtaining a teacher's certificate in Saskatchewan include:

- Completion of Grade 12 or equivalent.
- Completion of four years of post-secondary education and hold a bachelor's degree.
- Completion of an approved teacher education program consisting of at least 48 semester credit hours of teacher education that includes an extended practicum.
- Holding a teacher's certificate from the jurisdiction where teacher education was completed (if outside of Saskatchewan).

More details on academic requirements can be found in Schedule F of the SPTRB Regulatory Bylaws.

To become certified as a teacher, you must create an online account through the SPTRB website at www.sptrb.ca and fill out and submit a Certification Application.

Please consult the SPTRB website at www.sptrb.ca for further instructions on this process.

Registering as a Teacher

In order to teach in the province, you are required to register on an annual basis with the SPTRB. All teachers who register with the SPTRB will appear on the public registry housed on the SPTRB website.

To register you must sign in to your SPTRB online account and access the Registration Renewal Application form. You will be required to update your personal and employer information, your school assignment, answer a confidential disclosure question and declare that the information you have provided is accurate.

Note: For each school year, the SPTRB will specify a registration period with deadlines. It is your responsibility to ensure you are registered to teach for the upcoming year. Ongoing registration throughout the school year is available by contacting the SPTRB.

For more information on registering as a teacher, please go to www.sptrb.ca.

There are six types of teacher's certificates that a teacher may hold: Professional A, Professional B, Vocational, Technical, Standard A and Areas of Endorsement. Qualifications and requirements for each are listed below.

1. Professional A Certificate

A Professional A Certificate confers eligibility to teach all subjects to students in all grades in Saskatchewan schools. A degree and four years of post-secondary education above an equivalent Saskatchewan Grade 12 are basic requirements.

Specific Requirements

Elementary and Middle Level Routes

- Academic component must include the following:
 - A minimum of 39 semester credit hours in at least three teaching fields.
 - At least three semester credit hours in English or French (or other acceptable communications class) that may be included in the 39 semester credit hour requirement.
- Professional component must include the following:
 - 48 semester credit hours of teacher education including a practicum.
 - At least six semester credit hours in educational psychology.
 - Methods courses (curriculum and instruction) in the following areas:
 - Reading and language (six semester credit hours)
 - Science
 - Social studies
 - Mathematics
 - The practicum must include an eight-week block of teaching at the elementary level in a variety of subject fields.

Secondary Route

- Academic component must include the following:
 - A major (24 semester credit hours) in a teaching field.
 - A minor (15 semester credit hours) in a secondary teaching field.
 - At least three semester credit hours in English or French (or other acceptable communications class) that may be included in the major or minor.
- Professional component must include the following:
 - 48 semester credit hours of teacher education including a practicum.
 - At least six semester credit hours in educational psychology.
 - A methods (curriculum and instruction) course related to the major.
 - A methods (curriculum and instruction) course related to the minor.
 - The practicum must include an eight-week block of teaching in the major and minor fields.

2. Professional B (Endorsed) Certificate

A Professional B Certificate confers eligibility to teach a specified subject (and related subjects) to students in all grades in Saskatchewan schools. A degree in an approved area of specialization (or equivalent) plus 48 semester credit hours of professional education (including a practicum) above an equivalent Saskatchewan Grade 12 are basic requirements.

3. Vocational (Endorsed) Certificate

A Vocational Certificate confers eligibility to teach a specified subject (and related subjects) to students in all grades in Saskatchewan schools. Senior matriculation (Grade 12), a journeyperson's certificate or approved training in a trade plus 30 semester hours of teacher education including a practicum are basic requirements.

4. Technical (Endorsed) Certificate

A Technical Certificate confers eligibility to teach a specified subject (and related subjects) to students in all grades in Saskatchewan schools. Senior matriculation (Grade 12), 24 months of study in a defined technology at the post-secondary level, two years of work experience plus 30 semester hours of teacher education including a practicum are basic requirements.

5. Standard A Certificate

A Standard A Certificate confers eligibility to teach if as of April 1, 2009 the applicant held a certificate issued by another jurisdiction in Canada, has completed a teacher education program and has not obtained a recognized degree.

6. Areas of Endorsement

The areas of endorsement for Professional A Vocational and Technical certificates are those set out in policy.

Other Types of Certificates

1. Additional Qualification Certificate

An Additional Qualification Certificate enables teachers to upgrade their classification and helps to ensure we have teachers who specialize in required subject areas throughout the province.

A Professional A Certificate is required in order to qualify for an AQC. An AQC is issued only upon the formal application of the teacher. The date when the SPTRB receives the application will determine the effective date of the certificate.

Teachers must complete one of the four programs outlined below to receive an AQC:

- AQC Programs
- AQC Integrated Programs
- AQC Journeyperson Certificate
- AQC Technical or Vocational Certificate

For a complete listing of eligible programs and certificates as well as the process for application for an AQC, please consult the SPTRB website at www.sptrb.ca.

2. Provisional Certificate

A Provisional Certificate confers eligibility to teach for an applicant who received their post-secondary education in a country other than Canada or holds a certificate to teach issued by another jurisdiction in Canada. A Provisional Certificate is valid for one year at a time. A teacher who holds a provisional certificate issued with a condition requiring additional coursework must satisfy that condition on or before August 31 of the fourth year after the year in which the provisional certificate was first issued.

3. Temporary Teaching Permits

In exceptional circumstances, a board of education, the conseil scolaire or a recognized employer of teachers may apply to the SPTRB for the issuance of a temporary teaching permit if the board, conseil or employer is unable to fill a teaching position with a person who possesses a teacher's certificate that is valid for that position. Candidates for temporary teaching permits are high school graduates who have been out of school for at least four years. Issuance of a temporary permit will be considered by the SPTRB on a case by case basis. If issued, the permit will only apply for the school year in which it is issued and for the position for which it is issued.



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