

Level 1 Teacher Licensure Advancement Options and Eligibility

Current year of teaching	APL I-II Eligibility	Professional Development Dossier PDD	National Board Certification NBPTS Main Site Get Started - NBPTS Main Site
Year 1 Began teaching in 23-24 SY	Year 1 teachers do not need to wait until 3 rd year – program takes 1.25 years (15 months) to complete <i>*Alternative License teachers are eligible but encouraged to complete Alt. License requirements</i>	Not Eligible	<p>To be eligible for certification, teachers must meet the following education, employment, and licensure requirements prior to starting the certification process. Candidates will be asked to verify these during registration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution. <i>NOTE: Candidates for the Career and Technical Education certificate are required to hold a bachelor’s degree only if their state required one for their current license.</i> • Effective September 19, 2022, the National Board opened access to educators interested in the Board certification process by allowing candidates to begin the process of Board certification before completing three (3) years of successful teaching. While this change allows candidates to begin the process earlier, educators will need to complete three years of teaching employment to become Board-certified. • Hold a valid state teaching license (or meet the licensure requirements established by your state for a school counselor if applying for the ECYA/School Counseling certificate) for each of the three years of employment you verify. <p>Your timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have the flexibility to work towards certification in a way that suits you and your professional and personal responsibilities.
Year 2 Began teaching in 22-23 SY	Year 2 teachers do not need to wait until 3 rd year – program takes 1.25 years (15 months) to complete <i>*Alternative License teachers are eligible but encouraged to complete Alt. License requirements</i>	Not Eligible	
Year 3 Began teaching in 21-22 SY	Year 3 teachers do not need to wait until end of 3 rd year – program takes 1.25 years (15 months) to complete <i>*Alternative License teachers are eligible but encouraged to complete Alt. License requirements</i>	Teacher may begin the PDD and must submit on or before March 29, 2024. More information on PDD submission can be found on these webpages: Teacher License Advancement – New Mexico Public Education Department (state.nm.us) And Professional Development Dossier - Region 9 Education Cooperative (rec9nm.org)	
Year 4 Began teaching in 20-21 SY and license expires in 2025	<i>Are eligible but only if their license expires in 2025.</i> Educators with a license expiring in 2024 are not eligible.	Educators with a license expiring in 2024 must submit a PDD before their license expires on June 30, 2024. More information on PDD submission can be found on these	

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		webpages: Teacher License Advancement – New Mexico Public Education Department (state.nm.us) And Professional Development Dossier - Region 9 Education Cooperative (rec9nm.org)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing your first attempt of all four components can take as little as one year, or up to three. • You have up to two retake attempts for each component and have a five-year window to achieve certification. • Take a look at potential 2 year, or 3-year timelines here <p>Further Information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National-Board-Process-Overview-1.pdf (nbpts.org) 2. Overview-and-Quick-Start-Guide.pdf (nbpts.org); 3. National-Board-Certification Candidate-Resource-Guide.pdf (nbpts.org) <p>If your license expires in 2024 or 2025, you may be able to complete the requirements before your license expires. Please review the timelines carefully. https://www.nbpts.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/National-Board-Certification_Candidate-Resource-Guide.pdf</p>
Year 5 Began teaching in 19-20 SY and license expires in 2024	<p>Not eligible to participate. Educator must advance to Level 2 before license expires.</p> <p>APL I-II micro-credentials take 15 months to complete.</p>	<p>Teacher may begin the PDD and must submit on or before March 29, 2024. More information on PDD submission can be found on these webpages: Teacher License Advancement – New Mexico Public Education Department (state.nm.us) And Professional Development Dossier - Region 9 Education Cooperative (rec9nm.org)</p>	<p>Not Eligible: NBCT takes approximately 2 years to 3 years to complete. If your license is expiring in 2024 you will not have time to complete NBCT.</p>

Further information: [Teacher License Advancement – New Mexico Public Education Department \(state.nm.us\)](#); [APL I-II APPROXIMATE TIMELINE OF COMPLETION.docx \(google.com\)](#) ; [Enrollment Dates \(google.com\)](#); [Advanced Program Level Micro-Credentials – New Mexico Public Education Department \(state.nm.us\)](#);