



# Rhode Island Certification Redesign

The New Certification Regulations:  
How Do they Affect Currently Certified  
Educators?

# Key Terms

- Currently certified educators are all educators who hold a current CEE, 1 Year Provisional, 1 Year Professional, 1 Year Transitional, or 5 Year Professional certificate.
- In the new certification system, there are two sets of requirements – Issuance and renewal requirements.
  - Issuance requirements specify what one must do to first get a certificate (e.g. degrees, tests, hold another certificate).
  - Renewal requirements specify how one renews his/her certificate which in the new certification system is based on evaluation ratings.



# Currently Certified Educators

How will I renew my current certificate(s)?

- You will renew your current certificate when it expires beginning in January of your expiration year by submitting a completed application form and the necessary fees.
- You will not need to submit professional development credits or coursework.
- Once you renew your current certificate, you will enter into the new certification system.



# Currently Certified Educators

What certification requirements will I have to meet in the new certification system?

- You will NOT need to meet new Issuance requirements – obtaining additional degrees, taking new tests, or holding newly required certificates for your current certificates.
- You will need to meet Renewal requirements – your certificate(s) will be renewed based on evaluation ratings.



# Currently Certified Educators

For example: an Elementary, Middle School or Secondary Teacher, or Special Education Administrator who has a 1 Year Transitional or 5 Year Professional Certificate that expires in 2012.

- The educator renews his/her certificate by 8/31/2012 by completing an application and paying the application fee.
- She/he receives a 5 Year Professional Certificate without the need to meet any additional issuance requirements.
- She/he renews the 5 Year Professional Certificate by 8/31/2017 based on their evaluation ratings for five years that show effective practice – at least one evaluation rating of Developing or higher.



# Currently Certified Educators

Will I get an Initial, Professional, or Advanced Certificate when I renew my current certificate?

- If you hold a CEE or 1 Year Provisional, you will receive a Three Year Initial Certificate.
- If you hold a 1 Year Transitional or 5 Year Professional Certificate, you will receive a 5 Year Professional Certificate.
- If you hold a CTE or School Nurse Teacher 1 Year Professional Certificate, you will continue to receive a 1 Year Professional Certificate until you meet the requirements for Full Certification. (Note – beginning in 2015, you will need to follow the new Preliminary certification regulations.)



# Currently Certified Educators

How can I add a new certificate?

- You will need to meet new Issuance requirements (degrees, tests, hold another certificate) for any new certificate that you want to add.
- Secondary and World Language educators can add certificates by taking content courses and content tests. All others must complete approved programs of study.



# Currently Certified Educators

## I hold Life Certification. How will the new regulations affect me?

- You will still be evaluated and receive evaluation ratings in your district's evaluation system.
- Since you do not need to renew your certificate, you will not need to meet renewal requirements for any Life Certification that you hold.
- If you hold Life Certification and other certificates that are not life certificates, you will need to meet renewal requirements for the non-life certificates.

