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Expert Residency Preliminary Certificate Overview

Effective January 1, 2015 individuals may apply for the Expert Residency Preliminary Certificate.¹ This certificate may be awarded to prospective educators who demonstrate sufficient preparation in subject matter, administrative expertise, or other certificate area-specific requirements to be considered for positions as educators while pursuing a path to Full Certification. A bachelor’s degree is required for all certification areas and an advanced degree is required for some certification areas.

Conditions for Issuance:

- See [specific Expert Residency requirements](#) for each certification area.

Duration and Renewal:

- The Expert Residency Preliminary Certificate is valid for one year and may be renewed up to three times.

	1ST RENEWAL	2ND RENEWAL	3RD RENEWAL
DEMONSTRATION OF PROGRESSION	<p><i>Evidence of <u>enrolling</u> in an appropriate program or the development of a program of study.</i></p> <p><i><u>Recommendation for renewal</u> by a representative within an educator preparation program or program of study.</i></p>	<p><i>Evidence of <u>progress</u> with a minimum of 6 credits in an appropriate program or the development of a program of study.</i></p> <p><i><u>Recommendation for renewal</u> by a representative within an educator preparation program or program of study.</i></p>	<p><i>Evidence of <u>progress</u> with a minimum of 6 credits in an appropriate program or the development of a program of study.</i></p> <p><i><u>Recommendation for renewal</u> by a representative within an educator preparation program or program of study.</i></p>
LOCAL DEMAND	<p><i><u>Recommendation for renewal</u> by a local education agency.</i></p>	<p><i><u>Recommendation for renewal</u> by a local education agency.</i></p>	<p><i><u>Recommendation for renewal</u> by a local education agency.</i></p>

*Please see the [Expert Residency Preliminary Certificate Application](#) for renewal documentation details.

¹ Preliminary Educator Certification is a certification that allows educators who are not fully certified to serve as educators of record.