



1 the State Board of Education in accordance with the Oklahoma Teacher  
2 Preparation Act, except as otherwise provided for by Section 6-101  
3 of this title and by other law.

4 B. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to any person  
5 who:

6 1. Has successfully completed the teacher education program  
7 required by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation;

8 2. Has graduated from an accredited institution of higher  
9 education that has approval or accreditation for teacher education;

10 3. Has met all other requirements as may be established by the  
11 Board;

12 4. Has made the necessary application and paid the competency  
13 examination fee in an amount and as prescribed by the Commission;

14 5. Has successfully completed the competency examination  
15 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and

16 6. Beginning November 1, 2001, has on file with the Board a  
17 current Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State  
18 Bureau of Investigation as well as a national criminal history  
19 record check as defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma  
20 Statutes. Upon receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the  
21 Board may issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective  
22 until receipt of the national fingerprint-based criminal history  
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1 record. The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible  
2 for the cost of the criminal history records.

3 C. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to any person  
4 who:

5 1. Holds an out-of-state certificate and meets ~~standards set by~~  
6 ~~the Board~~ the requirements set forth in subsection F of this  
7 section; or

8 2. Holds certification from the National Board for Professional  
9 Teaching Standards.

10 D. Beginning July 1, 2004, any person applying for initial  
11 Oklahoma certification shall have on file with the Board a current  
12 Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
13 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as  
14 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon  
15 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the Board may issue  
16 a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of  
17 the national fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person  
18 applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost of the  
19 criminal history records.

20 E. Any person holding a valid certificate, issued prior to  
21 January 1, 1997, shall be a certified teacher for purposes of the  
22 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act, subject to any professional  
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1 development requirements prescribed by the Oklahoma Teacher  
2 Preparation Act or by the State Board of Education.

3 F. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person  
4 who holds a valid out-of-state certificate. The certificate to  
5 teach shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels most  
6 closely aligned to the subject areas and grade levels recognized on  
7 the out-of-state certificate.

8 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this  
9 subsection and who has five (5) years of successful teaching  
10 experience as a certified teacher in an accredited school shall not  
11 be required to take any competency examinations in those subject  
12 areas and grade levels most closely aligned to the subject areas and  
13 grade levels recognized on the out-of-state certificate.

14 3. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this  
15 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma  
16 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
17 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as  
18 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon  
19 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may  
20 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt  
21 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.  
22 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the  
23 cost of the criminal history record checks.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

2 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
3 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 03/17/2015  
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