

Proposed New Policy

Interim One-Year Alternate Route Certification

This license issued at the request of a superintendent or district to an applicant who meets all licensure requirements listed below.

Evidence of progress in completing the requirements must be documented in order to renew this license for an additional year. Obtained by district request only.

License	Requirements	Validity	Non-Renewable
Class A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requested by local district superintendent using “Local District Request Packet” 2. Completed application for Interim One-Year Alternate Route license 3. Plan of action from school district showing the steps by which the applicant will achieve standard certification 4. Transcripts verifying bachelor’s degree or higher and/or other specified documents necessary 5. Documentation of utilization of MS Teacher Center’s recruitment services <p>(See “Local District Request Packet” available at www.mde.k12.ms.us)</p>	1 year	Renewable for 1 year with documentation of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participation in MDE Professional Development Institute 2. Teacher Mentoring and Induction program 3. Satisfactory progress toward full certification

Rationale: The Office of Quality Educators wants to ensure that all teaching positions in Mississippi are filled by professionals that hold at least a bachelor’s degree.

Federal guidelines for No Child Left Behind states, “Teachers who are not yet fully certified may be considered to meet the certification requirements if they are:

- participating in an alternative route to certification
- receiving high-quality professional development
- participating in a program of intensive supervision or teacher mentoring program
- demonstrating satisfactory progress toward full certification