

Certificates in Pennsylvania – Types and Codes

Candidates for certification in Pennsylvania must identify the certificate type and subject area for which they plan to apply before entering the online application system, the Teacher Information Management System (TIMS). The various certificate types and subject areas currently offered by Pennsylvania are listed below.

For educators holding a Pennsylvania certificate and applying for certification in another state or for other state departments of education, the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Stages of Licensure for each certificate type is listed at the bottom of this page. To understand the NASDTEC Stages of Licensure, refer to NASDTEC information on this site.

Instructional Certificates – Type Code 61

The Instructional certificate is issued to a person whose primary responsibility shall be direct contact with learners in teaching-learning situations.

Subject Code	Subject Areas
1200	Agriculture PK-12
1405	Art Education PK-12
1603	Business, Computer and Information Technology PK-12
1610	Business Education-Accounting 7-12 (discontinued 8/31/2003)
1625	Business Education-Data Processing 7-12 (discontinued 8/31/2003)
1640	Business Education-Marketing 7-12 (discontinued 8/31/2003)
1658	Business Education-Office Technologies 7-12 (discontinued 8/31/2003)
1655	Business Education-Secretarial 7-12 (discontinued 8/31/2003)
8825	Citizenship Education 7-12
3200	Communications 7-12
2361	Cooperative Education 7-12
2840	Early Childhood Education N-3 (discontinued 8/31/2013)
2810	Elementary Education K-6 (discontinued 8/31/2013)
3230	English 7-12
4820	Environmental Education PK-12
5600	Family and Consumer Science PK-12
See table below	Foreign/World Languages PK-12 (see following table for areas and subject codes)
3100 – 09	Grades 4-8 English Language Arts
3100 – 01	Grades 4-8 Mathematics
3100 – 05	Grades 4-8 Science
3100 – 08	Grades 4-8 Social Studies
2825	Grades Pre-Kindergarten – 4
4810	Health Education PK-12
4805	Health and Physical Education PK-12
5605	Home Economics K-12 (discontinued 8/31/2003)
6005	Industrial Arts/Tech Ed K-12 (discontinued 8/31/2003)
6420	Library Science PK-12
1666	Marketing (Distributive) Education PK-12
6800	Mathematics 7-12
2870	Middle Level Citizenship Ed 6-9 (discontinued 8/31/2013)
2850	Middle Level English 6-9 (discontinued 8/31/2013)
2860	Middle Level Mathematics 6-9 (discontinued 8/31/2013)
2880	Middle Level Science 6-9 (discontinued 8/31/2013)
7205	Music Education PK-12
7650	Reading Specialist PK-12

Subject Code	Subject Areas
5215	Safety/Driver Education 7-12
8405	Science – Biology 7-12
8420	Science – Chemistry 7-12
8440	Science – Earth and Space 7-12
8450	Science – General Science 7-12
8470	Science – Physics 7-12
8865	Social Science 7-12
8875	Social Studies 7-12
9226	Special Education PK-8 (content area certificate required for issuance)
9227	Special Education 7-12 (content area certificate required for issuance)
9225	Special Education PK-12 (discontinued 8/31/2013)
9205	Special Education – Hearing Impaired PK-12
9235	Special Education – Mentally and/or Physically Handicapped K-12 (discontinued 8/31/2003)
9265	Special Education – Speech and Language Impaired PK-12
9290	Special Education – Visually Impaired PK-12
6075	Technology Education PK-12
2600	Vocational Instructional 7-12

Foreign/World Languages (all PK-12)

Subject Code	Subject Areas	Subject Code	Subject Area
4003	American Sign Language	4455	Persian Farsi
4005	Arabic	4460	Polish
4405	Chinese	4470	Portuguese
4410	French	4473	Punjabi
4420	German	4475	Romanian
4010	Greek	4480	Russian
4020	Hebrew	4040	Sanskrit
4023	Hindi	4485	Slovak
4430	Italian	4490	Spanish
4440	Japanese	4486	Swahili
4025	Korean	4487	Turkish
4030	Latin	4493	Ukrainian
4450	Lithuanian	4494	Urdu
4453	Pashto	4495	Vietnamese

Educational Specialist Certificates – Type Code 31

The Educational Specialist certificate is issued to a person whose primary responsibility shall be to render professional service other than classroom teaching.

Subject Code	Area/Field
1830	Specialist – Dental Hygienist PK-12
1836	Specialist – Elementary School Counselor (discontinued 1/1/2016)
1837	Specialist – Secondary School Counselor (discontinued 1/1/2016)
1839	Specialist – Elementary & Secondary School Counselor PK-12 (1 st issued 9/1/2013)
1850	Specialist – Home and School Visitor PK-12

Subject Code	Area/Field
1825	Specialist – Instructional Technology PK-12
1890	Specialist – School Nurse PK-12
1875	Specialist – School Psychologist PK-12
1883	Specialist – School Speech and Language Pathologist PK-12
9800	Specialist – Social Restoration 7-12 (discontinued)

Program Specialist Certificates – Type Code 86

The Program Specialist certificate is required for an assignment for which no instructional, educational specialist, supervisor or administrative certificate exists.

Subject Code	Area/Field
4499	Program Specialist – English as a Second Language PK-12

Supervisory Certificates – Type Code 76

The Supervisory certificate is issued to a person whose primary responsibility shall be to supervise educational programs and direct the activities of professional and non-professional employees in such programs.

Subject Code	Area/Field
1415	Supervisor – Art PK-12
3215	Supervisor – Communication (English) 7-12
2515	Supervisor – Cooperative Education 7-12
2915	Supervisor – Curriculum and Instruction PK-12
2827	Supervisor – Early Childhood K-6
2815	Supervisor – Elementary Education K-6
4897	Supervisor – Environmental Education PK-12
4415	Supervisor – Foreign Languages PK-12
4815	Supervisor – Health and Physical Education PK-12
5915	Supervisor – Industrial Arts/Technology Education PK-12
1829	Supervisor – Instructional Technology Specialist PK-12
6415	Supervisor – Library Science PK-12
6815	Supervisor – Mathematics 7-12
7215	Supervisor – Music PK-12
2930	Supervisor – Pupil Personnel Services PK-12
7615	Supervisor – Reading PK-12
5227	Supervisor – Safety/Driver Education 7-12
1815	Supervisor – School Guidance Services PK-12
1891	Supervisor – School Health Services PK-12
1877	Supervisor – School Psychological Services PK-12
1855	Supervisor – School Social Services K-12
8415	Supervisor – Science 7-12
8815	Supervisor – Social Studies 7-12
9215	Supervisor – Special Education PK-12

Vocational Supervisory Certificate – Type Code 19

Subject Code	Area/Field
2615	Supervisor – Comprehensive Vocational Education 7-12

Administrative Certificates

Administrative I (Principal) – Type Code 75
Administrative (Vocational Director) – Type Code 78
Administrative Provisional I – Type Code 72

The Administrative certificate is issued to a person whose primary responsibility shall be to direct, operate, supervise and administer the organizational and general education activities at a school.

Subject Code	Area/Field
1100	Elementary Principal (discontinued 8/31/2003)
1105	Secondary Principal (discontinued 8/31/2003)
1115	School Admin. – Principal PK-12
2300	School Admin – Vocational Administrative Director 7-12

Letter of Eligibility – Type Code 90

The District Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility is issued to a person whose formal preparation and experience qualify the person for appointment and commissioning as:

Subject Code	Area/Field
1150	Superintendent PK-12

The Intermediate Unit Executive Director's Letter of Eligibility is issued to a person whose formal preparation and experience qualify the person for appointment and commissioning as:

Subject Code	Area/Field
1160	Intermediate Unit Executive Director PK-12

Vocational Instructional – Type Code 21 and Vocational Intern – Type Code 24

The Vocational Instructional or Vocational Intern certificate is issued to a person whose primary responsibility is vocational instruction within occupational/technical curricula. Refer to the Vocational certification page for a list of vocational areas and codes.

Endorsements – Type Code 58

An Endorsement is a credential attained through an approved program. It is a short program not to exceed 12 credits and is available in new and emerging areas where formal certification does not exist. The Program Endorsement is intended to improve a teacher's skills in dealing with complex classroom settings. These endorsements are added to existing Level I or Level II certificates but are not required to perform service in the endorsed areas.

Subject Code	Area/Field
1180	Autism Spectrum Disorders PK-12
1191	Creative Movement PK-12
1189	Gifted PK-12
1182	Instructional Coach PK-12
1183	Mathematics Coach PK-12
1184	Online Instruction Program PK-12
1181	Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) PK-12
1192	Social, Emotional and Behavioral Wellness of PK-12 Students
1190	Theatre PK-12

Other Certificates:

Intern Certificate – Type Code 51
Residency Certificate – Type Code 57
Military Science (ROTC) – Type Code 12

Private Academic Certificates

In addition to public school certification, there is also private academic school certification. Either certification is appropriate for nonpublic and private academic schools in the appropriate content areas. Teachers who teach in a private academic school *licensed* by the Department of Education are required to be Pennsylvania certified through the Pennsylvania Department of Education, School Code Chapter 22, Section 51.34. Teachers who teach in a nonpublic school (religious school) *registered* by the Department of Education are not required to be Pennsylvania certified; however, the school can choose to request certification for their teachers. Additional information can be found under Private Academic Certificates.

Pennsylvania Certification Identified by the NASDTEC Stages of Licensure

Teacher – person whose primary responsibility is to instruct students or as otherwise defined by the Member Jurisdiction.

Support Personnel – person, other than a teacher or administrator, who is required to hold an educator license based upon at least a bachelor's degree (i.e., Educational Specialists in Pa. such as School Counselor, School Nurse, etc.)

Stages of Teacher or Support Professional Licensure:

	Stage 1 License	Stage 2 License	Stage 3 License	Stage 4 License
Teacher or Support Personnel Certification or License	n/a	Intern Residency Temporary Teaching Permit (TTP)	Instructional I Educational Specialist I Program Specialist	Instructional II (master's not required, post-bacc credits accepted) Educational Specialist II

Administrator – an educator whose primary duties may include the supervision of programs or curriculum; or supervision or management of a local educational agency, a school building, a school program or a school system. This includes principal and vocational directors, for example.

Stages of Administrator Licensure:

	Stage 1 License	Stage 2 License	Stage 3 License
Administrator Certification or License	n/a	Administrative Provisional I	Administrative Administrative I Administrative II Letter of Eligibility (Superintendent)