

Guidance for Candidates Currently on a WPRO Certificate



Candidates who were issued a waiver probationary (WPRO) certificate, under the Governor's emergency waiver of certification exam requirements in 2020 will need to complete all testing requirements before they can be issued a standard certificate.

As a reminder, the certificates were issued for a single calendar year and expire one year to the date that the certificate was issued. For example, if your WPRO certificate was issued on May 20, 2020, then your certificate will expire on May 20, 2021. This is not a renewable certificate.

Teachers on a one-year probationary certificate under the Governor's waiver will need to take the following steps, in collaboration with their educator preparation program, to ensure that their standard certificate is issued before the one-year deadline:

- Pass all required certification exams,
- Apply for standard certification,
- Pay all certification fees, and
- Obtain a recommendation from their EPP for a standard certification in ECOS*

*Note: Teachers should actively communicate with their EPP to notify them that they have applied for their standard certification to ensure that they obtain the necessary EPP recommendation.

As soon as a standard certification has been issued, it will be visible on a teacher's the [SBEC Virtual Certificate](#).

One-year probationary certificate holders are encouraged to take proactive action to ensure that their standard certification is issued well in advance of the one-year deadline. This includes actively communicating with their EPP, passing all certification exams, and completing all certification issuance requirements.

If you have additional questions about standard certificate issuance prior to the deadline, please contact your educator preparation program.

STR requirements for WPRO certificate holders:

As a reminder, House Bill 3, 86th Legislature established a mandate that all teacher candidates pursuing certification in in the following certification fields will be required to take the new Science of Teaching Reading certification exam for issuance of their standard certificate, beginning January 1, 2021.

- Core Subjects: Early Childhood – Grade 6
- Core Subjects: Grades 4-8
- English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8
- English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies: Grades 4-8

For more information about the STR Exam requirements, please visit [our STR page](#).

Principal WPRO certificate holders:

In particular, candidates who were issued a WPRO principal certificate should be made aware that the deadline for PASL registration (a certification exam requirement for standard principal certification) is fast approaching. Please note the following important dates for the Spring 2021 administration window for the PASL Assessment:

- Registration opened **August 4, 2020** and closes **April 2, 2021**.

- Task submission began on January 5, 2021 with the deadline to have all tasks submitted **closing on April 13, 2021 at 1pm CT.**

For more information about the PASL exam, please visit [ETS webpage](#).