

R7-2-606. Proficiency Assessments

A. The Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment is adopted as the proficiency assessment for applicants for teaching certificates. The Arizona Administrator Proficiency Assessment is adopted as the proficiency assessment for applicants for administrative certificates.

B. The subject knowledge portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment shall assess proficiency as described in ~~R7-2-602(H) as a requirement for certification of elementary and secondary teachers and in R7-2-602(H) and (J) as a requirement for certification of special education teachers~~ related to the teacher's knowledge of the certification subject area or areas.

C. The professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment shall assess proficiency as described in ~~R7-2-602(I) as a requirement for certification of elementary, secondary, special education, and CTE teachers~~ related to the teacher's pedagogical knowledge.

D. ~~The performance assessment portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment shall assess proficiency as described in R7-2-602(B), (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) as a requirement for certification of elementary, secondary, and special education teachers. In lieu of a passing score on the performance portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment, a teacher who holds a provisional teaching certificate may convert such certificate within two months prior to its expiration to a standard elementary, secondary, or special education teaching certificate pursuant to subsection (H) until the Board adopts the performance assessment portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment. The Board shall adopt the performance assessment portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment, or make a decision that a performance assessment will no longer be required as part of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment.~~

~~_____E.~~ The Arizona Administrator Proficiency Assessment shall assess professional knowledge as described in R7-2-603 as a requirement for certification of administrators, supervisors, principals, and superintendents.

~~_____F.E.~~ The passing score for each assessment shall be determined by the Board using the results of validity and reliability studies. The passing score for each assessment shall be reviewed by the Board at least every three years.

~~_____G. F.~~ The proficiency assessments for professional knowledge and subject knowledge shall be administered at least six times each calendar year, at times and places determined by the Department. for a certificate, endorsement, or approved area shall be approved by the Board.

~~_____H.~~ The provisional elementary, secondary, or special education certificate allows the beginning teacher up to four semesters or two school years of teaching experience before completing the performance assessment portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment.

~~_____1.~~ If the Board has adopted the performance assessment portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment but the teacher does not have full-time teaching experience for four semesters or two school years, the certificate shall, upon the written request of the holder, be extended once for the equivalent of the time the teacher was not employed during the provisional certification period.

~~_____2.~~ If the Board has adopted the performance assessment portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment and the teacher has been employed for four semesters or two school years and has taken but not passed the performance assessment, the certificate shall be extended once, for one year, upon the written request of the holder.

~~_____3.~~ If the teacher has been employed full-time for four semesters or two school years in a private school, public school, charter school, or parochial school or any Department of Defense

~~dependent school or in a closely related education field and the Board has not yet adopted the performance portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment, the provisional certificate shall be converted within two months prior to its expiration to a standard teaching certificate upon verification by the teacher to the Department that the teacher has had four semesters or two school years of teaching experience or experience in a closely related education field. “Closely related education field” means employment involving the presentation of instruction to K through 12 students whether self-employed or employed by a private, parochial, public, or charter school.~~

~~————— 4. If the teacher has not been employed full-time for four semesters or two school years in a private school, public school, charter school, or parochial school or any Department of Defense dependent school or in a closely related education field, and the Board has not yet adopted the performance assessment portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment, the provisional certificate shall be extended once for three years, upon written request of the holder to the Department. “Closely related education field” means employment involving the presentation of instruction to K through 12 students whether self-employed or employed by a private, parochial, public, or charter school.~~

~~————— 5. If the performance assessment portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment is adopted by the Board prior to the expiration of a teacher’s provisional certificate, the provisional certificate shall be extended once for two years, upon written request of the holder to the Department, to allow the teacher additional time in which to take the performance portion of the assessment.~~

~~————— I. If the provisionally certified teacher has taken but not passed the performance assessment by the expiration date on the extended certificate pursuant to subsection (H)(1) or (2) of this~~

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~~Section, the individual may reapply for a provisional certificate after one year, upon verification of the following:~~

- ~~_____ 1. Efforts to remediate deficiencies identified in the performance assessment,~~
- ~~_____ 2. Passing score on the professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment, and~~
- ~~_____ 3. Completion of the requirements for the provisional certificate which are in effect at the time of reapplication.~~