

1 **R7-2-609. Elementary Teaching Certificates**

2 A. Except as noted, all certificates are subject to the general certification provisions in R7-2-607  
3 and the renewal requirements in R7-2-619.

4 B. Standard Professional Elementary Certificate – grades K through eight. The requirements are:

- 5 1. A bachelor’s degree,
- 6 2. One of the following:
  - 7 a. Completion of a teacher preparation program in elementary education from an  
8 accredited institution or a Board-approved teacher preparation program, described in  
9 R7-2-604; or
  - 10 b. Forty-five semester hours of education courses which teach the knowledge and skills  
11 described in R7-2-602, including at least eight semester hours of practicum in grades  
12 K through eight. Two years of verified teaching experience in grades Prekindergarten  
13 through eight may be substituted for the eight semester hours of practicum; or
  - 14 c. A valid elementary certificate from another state.
- 15 3. A passing score on the professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency  
16 Assessment;
- 17 4. A passing score on the ~~elementary education~~ subject knowledge portion of the Arizona  
18 Teacher Proficiency Assessment unless the applicant has a bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral  
19 degree in a relevant content area or otherwise qualifies for a waiver of the subject  
20 knowledge assessment;
- 21 5. A valid fingerprint card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety; and
- 22 6. Forty-five hours or three semester hours of instruction in research-based systematic  
23 phonics. An accredited institution or other provider may provide this instruction.

24 C. Standard Professional Elementary Certificate – grades kindergarten through eight for  
25 applications received on and after August 1, 2018.

- 26 1. The requirements include all of the following:
  - 27 a. A bachelor’s degree;
  - 28 b. Completion of a teacher preparation program in elementary education from a Board-  
29 approved educator preparation program or from an accredited institution offering  
30 substantially similar training, addressing the following topics and any others as  
31 required by law:
    - 32 i. At least forty-five hours or three semester hours of instruction in research-based  
33 systematic phonics, including language and literacy development;
    - 34 ii. For applications received on and after October 15, 2020, at least forty-five hours or  
35 three semester hours of instruction in research-based instructional strategies for  
36 delivering differentiated reading instruction, assessment, intervention and  
37 remediation to support readers of varying ages and ability levels, including students  
38 with dyslexia;
    - 39 iii. Developmentally appropriate instructional delivery, facilitation and methodologies  
40 for teaching language, math, science, social studies and the arts;
    - 41 iv. Instructional design and lesson planning, including modifications, and  
42 accommodations;
    - 43 v. The learning environment, including classroom management;
    - 44 vi. Assessing, monitoring and reporting progress;
    - 45 vii. Teaching students with exceptionalities;
    - 46 viii. Professional responsibility and ethical conduct; and

- 1 ix. Twelve weeks of capstone experience as described in R7-2-604 in grades  
2 kindergarten through eight, which may be completed during the valid period of a  
3 teaching intern or student teaching intern certificate. One year of verified full-time  
4 teaching experience in grades kindergarten through eight may be substituted for the  
5 capstone experience requirement. For individuals seeking dual certification, any  
6 capstone experience requirements may be met through separate eight-week  
7 capstone experiences in each of the certification areas sought.
- 8 c. A passing score on the professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Teacher  
9 Proficiency Assessment;
- 10 d. A passing score on the ~~elementary education~~ subject knowledge portion of the Arizona  
11 Teacher Proficiency Assessment, unless the applicant has a bachelor's, master's or  
12 doctoral degree in a relevant content area or otherwise qualifies for a waiver of the  
13 subject knowledge assessment; and
- 14 e. A valid fingerprint card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.
- 15 2. Applicants may meet the requirements in subsection (C)(1)(b) with the submission of an  
16 application for the Standard Professional Elementary certificate that includes evidence of  
17 two years of verified full-time teaching experience in grades kindergarten through eight,  
18 and Board-approved or accredited training or coursework which teaches the knowledge  
19 and skills described in R7-2-602 and subsections (C)(1)(b)(i) through (viii). ~~One year of  
20 verified full-time teaching experience in grades kindergarten through eight may be  
21 substituted for the capstone experience.~~