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1 **R7-2-610.02. Subject Matter Expert Standard Teaching Certificate**

2 Subject Matter Expert Standard Teaching Certificate – grades six through 12

3 A. The requirements are:

4 1. ~~One~~ A bachelor's degree and one of the following:

5 a. Verified teaching experience for the last two consecutive years, and for a total of at
6 least three years at one or more accredited postsecondary institutions in the relevant
7 subject area of certification. An individual seeking certification pursuant to this
8 subdivision is exempt from passing the professional knowledge portion of the Arizona
9 Teacher Proficiency Assessment; or

10 b. A bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree from an accredited postsecondary institution
11 in the specific subject area of certification that is directly relevant to a content area or
12 subject matter taught in public schools; or

13 c. Verification of expertise through work experience of a minimum of five years in the
14 relevant area of certification

15 2. A passing score on the professional knowledge Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment
16 within two years except as provided by subsection (A)(1)(a). If an applicant fails to meet
17 this requirement within two years, the Department of Education or the Board shall
18 temporarily suspend the standard certificate, but the suspension is not considered a
19 disciplinary action and the individual shall be allowed to correct the deficiency within the
20 remaining time of the standard certification.

21 3. A valid fingerprint clearance card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

22 B. An individual who meets the requirements of this section is exempt from the competency
23 requirements of the United States and Arizona Constitutions and the subject knowledge portion
24 of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment.