R7-2-610.02. Subject Matter Expert Standard Teaching Certificate
Subject Matter Expert Standard Teaching Certificate – grades six through 12

A. The requirements are:
   1. **One A bachelor's degree and one** of the following:
      a. Verified teaching experience for the last two consecutive years, and for a total of at
         least three years at one or more accredited postsecondary institutions in the relevant
         subject area of certification. An individual seeking certification pursuant to this
         subdivision is exempt from passing the professional knowledge portion of the Arizona
         Teacher Proficiency Assessment; or
      b. A bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degree from an accredited postsecondary institution
         in the specific subject area of certification that is directly relevant to a content area or
         subject matter taught in public schools; or
      c. Verification of expertise through work experience of a minimum of five years in the
         relevant area of certification
   2. A passing score on the professional knowledge Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment
      within two years except as provided by subsection (A)(1)(a). If an applicant fails to meet
      this requirement within two years, the Department of Education or the Board shall
      temporarily suspend the standard certificate, but the suspension in not considered a
      disciplinary action and the individual shall be allowed to correct the deficiency within the
      remaining time of the standard certification.
   3. A valid fingerprint clearance card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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