



## GPA Requirements for New Jersey Teacher Candidates

On June 4, 2014, the State Board of Education adopted new regulations for teacher preparation program entry and teacher certification. The charts below explain GPA requirements and related flexibility for program entry and for the Certificate of Eligibility (CE) and Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS).

### GPA Requirement for Entering a Traditional Route Preparation Program:

- If starting coursework prior to the fall of 2015: Minimum GPA is a 2.5, no flexibility
- If starting coursework in or after fall of 2015: Minimum GPA is 3.0 (with flexibility to 2.75), as long as the cohort average GPA stays above a 3.0, a program has the discretion to accept candidates with GPAs between 2.75 and 3.0

### GPA Requirements for a CE or CEAS:

**Note: After September 1, 2016, no candidate with a GPA below 2.75 will be issued a CE or CEAS, regardless of graduation year**

- Until September 1, 2016: Minimum GPA is a 2.75 (with flexibility to 2.5), a candidate may have a GPA between 2.5 and 2.75 if he or she scored at least 10% higher than the passing score on the test of subject knowledge
- On or after September 1, 2016: Minimum GPA is a 3.0 (with flexibility to 2.75), a candidate may have a GPA between 2.75 and 3.0 if he or she meets one of the following exceptions:
  1. Graduated prior to Sep. 1, 2016
  2. If graduated after Sep. 1, 2016, scored at least 10% higher than the passing score on the test of subject knowledge
  3. For a CE candidate, if graduated after Sep. 1, 2016, is sponsored by an alternate-route program (up to 10% of candidates accepted annually may be sponsored with GPAs between 2.75 and 3.0)

### For More Information

- View the [Overview of June 2014 Regulations](#).
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