

Principal Certificate of Eligibility (Endorsement Code: 0200)

To Avoid Delays: After applying online, please submit *all* necessary documentation **together in a single packet** to the address below. If possible, please have transcripts sent to you first and then forward them in the sealed envelope(s) together with any other documents. Please include your tracking number in all correspondence with our office.

**NJ Department of Education
Office of Certification and Induction
PO Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500**

This endorsement authorizes the holder to be employed in a position that involves services as an administrative officer of a school or other comparable unit within a school or district in public schools in grades preschool through grade 12. Positions include principal, assistant principal, vice principal, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction and director.

Master's Degree Requirement

- A master's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university in educational leadership, in curriculum and instruction, or in one of the recognized fields of leadership or management; **or**
- A master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and complete a post-master's program resulting in a certificate of advanced study in educational administration and supervision; **or**
- A master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and complete a post-master's program in a coherent sequence of 30 semester hour credits. The study must be completed at one institution in the fields outlined above; **or**
- A master's degree in educational leadership from an NCATE or TEAC-approved program at out-of-State college or university

All credits/degree(s) must appear on a regionally accredited 4-year college/university transcript.

Required Graduate Study

- A minimum of 30 graduate credits, either within the master's program or in addition to it, in the following quality components of preparation to promote student learning as set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-3.4(a)1-6, the Professional Standards for School Leaders. These areas align with NPBEA standards.

If you have completed a program in an area other than Educational Leadership, you must send both official college catalog course descriptions for review and an original letter from the Department Chairperson at the college or university outlining the course or courses in which the areas above are included. All graduate credits must appear on a regionally accredited 4-year college/university transcript.

Internship Requirement

- Complete a 300-hour internship in educational leadership aligned to the professional standards for school leaders in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-3.4 in accordance with the roles and responsibilities as a principal, independent of other course requirements. Evidence of the internship must appear on a regionally accredited college transcript.

Please Note: You must submit an original letter from the Educational Leadership Department Chairperson from the university where your program was completed detailing the hours and assignment of your internship experience as part of your application for this endorsement. You may utilize the [Verification of Program Completion](#) form for this purpose.

Praxis II Test Requirement

- Please contact the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to register for the [School Leaders Licensure Assessment](#). You must request to have your score sent to New Jersey by coding R7666. You must also include your social security number when completing your answer sheet. Only official score reports sent directly from ETS are accepted for certification. Not coding the NJ Dept. of Education (R7666) or listing your social security number may delay certificate issuance.

Certificate Requirement

- Please send in a copy of a valid provisional or standard New Jersey or equivalent out-of-state instructional, educational services or administrative certificate.

Record of Professional Experience

- Please submit the [Record of Professional Experience form](#) which must be filled out by your employer documenting five years of successful educational experience under a valid provisional or standard New Jersey or equivalent out-of-state certificate.

The New Jersey Department of Education will make the final determination as to whether or not the experience meets NJ regulations.

Fee Requirement

- No checks or money orders will be accepted
- Please make the [payment online](#)
- Please notify your examiner after payment has been made.
- If your application expires after six months, you will be charged a fee of \$70.
- All fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable

Online Certificate Information

- All information regarding applications and certifications is now available online, including certificate name, certificate ID number, date of issuance, and expiration date, if applicable. This link will provide [instructions to view certificate/application status](#).
- In order to make certification information available more quickly, this information will appear on our website in lieu of the issuance of paper certificates. If you would like to view the status of your application, then please visit our [application status check](#).

You cannot complete the entire application process online. After applying online, please submit all necessary documentation together in a single packet to the NJ DOE in order to complete your application. Please put your tracking number on all documents that you send to our office.

If you have met the above requirements,
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