ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE STANDARD  
(ENDORSEMENT CODE: 1475)

This endorsement entitles the holder to teach **English as a Second Language** in all public schools.

**Degree Requirement**
- A minimum of a bachelor's degree is required from a regionally accredited college/university.

**Cumulative GPA Requirement**
- New Jersey requires that candidates for certification achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 when a GPA of 4.00 equals an A grade for students graduating on or after **September 1, 2016** (2.75 for those graduating before **September 1, 2016**). Information regarding these tests may be found on the Language Testing International website or by calling Language Testing International by phone at 1-800-486-8444. (Exceptions: Candidates for certification who pass the Department-approved basic skills test will be exempt from taking the written English language proficiency test (WPT) requirement.)

**English Language Proficiency Tests**
- You must present evidence of passing oral and written English language proficiency tests (OPI & WPT). These tests must be passed with a score of “Advanced Low” or higher. Information regarding these tests may be found on the Language Testing International website or by calling Language Testing International by phone at 1-800-486-8444. (Exceptions: Candidates for certification who pass the Department-approved basic skills test will be exempt from taking the written English language proficiency test (WPT) requirement.)

**Professional Teacher Preparation**
- Current regulations for certification require that applicants complete a coherent sequence of study in professional education which may be completed in a provisional teacher program or an approved teacher preparation program. This is to advise that courses presented by the applicant in professional education must be a coherent sequence of courses that culminates in supervised clinical practice.

**State Teaching Certificate**
- Please submit a copy of an out-of-state teaching certificate that is equivalent to a NJ Standard Instructional Certificate. Holders of a NJ Standard Instructional Certificate do not need to send in a copy of their certificate.

**Record of Professional Experience**
- Please submit the Record of Professional Experience form which must be filled out by your employer:

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

  Please Note: Holders of a NJ standard instructional certificate do not need to send in the above form with the exception of those who hold a standard **Teacher of the Handicapped** certificate.

**Physiology and Hygiene Requirement**
- This requirement may be completed by choosing one of the following options:
  1.) Present evidence of basic military training
  2.) Complete a course such as biology, health or nutrition that appears on a regionally accredited 2 or 4-year college/university transcript
  3.) Complete an online test. You must have a tracking number and an application on file to take this test.

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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