



# RIDE Certification Redesign

The New Certification Regulations:  
How Do They Affect Prospective  
Educators?

# How will the New Regulations Impact Prospective Educators?

## Key Terms:

- Prospective educators are all individuals who do not yet hold Rhode Island certification.
- Approved preparation programs are educator preparation programs at colleges, universities, or alternate route providers.
- Transcript analysis is the current process which RIDE uses to evaluate certification applications based on current requirements and courses. This process will end on 1/1/2015.
- Credential review is the process RIDE will develop with preparation programs to evaluate certification applications after Transcript Analysis ends in 2015.



# Prospective Educators

## How can I get certified in Rhode Island?

- You will need to complete an approved preparation program in Rhode Island or in another state. (Or)
- You will need to be certified in another state and meet all Rhode Island certification requirements to be certified through reciprocity. (Or)
- You will need to complete the Transcript Analysis process (until 2015) or for certification areas for which there is no Rhode Island approved program, complete the Credential Review process (after 2015).



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Will I need to take Rhode Island certification tests?

- Yes, the new certification regulations require that all individuals who seek Rhode Island certification must meet Rhode Island certification testing requirements.
- RIDE publishes a list on its website of all certification tests and passing scores that are currently required to attain Rhode Island certification.
- You will need to provide evidence of the required passing scores when you apply for certification.



# Prospective Educators

## What type of certificate will I receive?

- All new educators to Rhode Island receive a 3 Year Initial Certificate.
- The 3 Year Initial Certificate allows an educator to work in any Rhode Island public school, charter school, state approved special education program, or state funded pre-kindergarten program.



# Prospective Educators

## How will I renew my 3 Year Initial Certificate?

- Beginning in January of your expiration year, you will submit a completed application to renew your 3 Year Initial Certificate.
- Renewal of the 3 Year Initial Certificate will be based on your evaluation ratings from state approved, local evaluation systems.
- You will need to show evidence of effective practice, at least one evaluation rating of Developing or higher, to renew your certificate.



# Prospective Educators

What type of certificate will I get when I renew my 3 year Initial Certificate?

- If you have 3 evaluation ratings that show effective practice, at least one rating of Developing or higher, you will receive a 5 Year Professional Certificate.
- If you are not working or do not have any evaluation ratings, you will receive another 3 Year Initial Certificate.
- If you are working and have less than 3 evaluation ratings, you will receive 1 year extension(s) to accumulate 3 evaluation ratings.

