

1 **A.A.C. R7-2-609. Elementary Teaching Certificates**

2 A. Except as noted, all certificates are subject to the general certification provisions in R7-2-
3 607 and the renewal requirements in R7-2-619.

4 B. ~~Provisional Standard Professional Elementary Certificate~~ – grades K through eight

5 1. ~~The certificate is valid for three years and is not renewable but may be extended as set~~
6 ~~forth in R7-2-606(H) or (I).~~

7 2. The requirements are:

8 a. A bachelor's degree,

9 b. One of the following:

10 i. Completion of a teacher preparation program in elementary education from an accredited
11 institution or a Board-approved teacher preparation program, described in R7-2-604; or

12 ii. Forty-five semester hours of education courses which teach the knowledge and skills
13 described in R7-2-602, including at least eight semester hours of practicum in grades K through
14 eight. Two years of verified teaching experience in grades Prekindergarten through eight may
15 be substituted for the eight semester hours of practicum; or

16 iii. A valid elementary certificate from another state.

17 c. A passing score on the professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Teacher Educator
18 Proficiency Assessment;

19 d. A passing score on the elementary education subject knowledge portion of the Arizona
20 Teacher Educator Proficiency Assessment; and

21 e. A valid fingerprint card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

22 C. ~~Standard Elementary Certificate~~ – grades K through eight

23 1. ~~The certificate is valid for six years.~~

24 2. ~~The requirements are:~~

25 a. ~~A provisional elementary certificate;~~

26 b. ~~A passing score on the performance portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency~~
27 ~~Assessment. If a performance portion of the Proficiency Assessment has not been adopted by~~
28 ~~the Board, two years of verified full-time teaching experience may be used to fulfill this~~
29 ~~requirement;~~

30 c. ~~A valid fingerprint clearance card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety; and~~

31 d. ~~f.~~ Forty-five hours or three semester hours of instruction in research-based systematic
32 phonics. An accredited institution or other provider may provide this instruction.

33 C. Standard Professional Elementary Certificate – grades kindergarten through eight for
34 applications received on and after August 1, 2018.

35 1. The requirements include all of the following:

36 a. A bachelor's degree;

37 b. Completion of a teacher preparation program in elementary education from a Board-
38 approved educator preparation program or from an accredited institution offering substantially
39 similar training, addressing the following topics and any others as required by law:

40 i. Research-based systematic phonics, including language and literacy development;

41 ii. Research-based instructional strategies for delivering differentiated reading instruction,
42 assessment, intervention and remediation to support readers of varying ages and ability
43 levels, including students with dyslexia;

44 iii. Developmentally appropriate instructional delivery, facilitation and methodologies for
45 teaching language, math, science, social studies and the arts;

46 iv. Instructional design and lesson planning, including modifications, and accommodations;

47 v. The learning environment, including classroom management;

48 vi. Assessing, monitoring and reporting progress;

49 vii. Teaching students with exceptionalities;

50 viii. Professional responsibility and ethical conduct; and

1 ix. Twelve weeks of capstone experience as described in R7-2-604 in grades kindergarten
2 through eight, which may be completed during the valid period of a teaching intern or student
3 teaching intern certificate. One year of verified full-time teaching experience in grades
4 kindergarten through eight may be substituted for the capstone experience requirement. For
5 individuals seeking dual certification, any capstone experience requirements may be met
6 through separate eight-week capstone experiences in each of the certification areas sought.

7 c. A passing score on the professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency
8 Assessment;

9 d. A passing score on the elementary education subject knowledge portion of the Arizona
10 Educator Proficiency Assessment; and

11 e. A valid fingerprint card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

12 2. Applicants may meet the requirements in subsection (C)(1)(b) with the submission of an
13 application for the Standard Professional Elementary certificate that includes evidence of two
14 years of verified full-time teaching experience in grades kindergarten through eight, and training
15 or coursework which teaches the knowledge and skills described in R7-2-602 and subsections
16 (C)(1)(b)(i)-(viii). One year of verified full-time teaching experience in grades kindergarten
17 through eight may be substituted for the capstone experience.