

TEACHER CERTIFICATION CODE: SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES

The Teacher Certification Code outlines and defines the requirements for:

- obtaining initial teacher certification;
- renewing a teaching certificate;
- progressing in certification;
- adding endorsements;
- transferring out-of-state teaching licenses;
- substitute permits; and
- enforcing the school safety laws around criminal convictions.

The amendments to this rule set were taken out for public comment in the fall of 2016. The changes are designed to create consistency in terminology and processes across all certification rule sets promulgated by the Department of Education (i.e., Teacher Certification Code, School Administrator Certification Code, School Psychologist Certification Code, and Certification and Licensure of School Counselors). The overarching goals are to comply with new laws, streamline multiple rule sets, eliminate duplication, and present a logical, more customer-friendly regulatory scheme.

The following is a summary of the key changes to Administrative Rule R390.1101-R390.1216 (a.k.a. Teacher Certification Code):

Part	Rule	Section/Sub-Section	Summary of Change(s)
1. General Provisions	390.1101	Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renamed, redefined, added definitions including "education-related professional learning"
	1103	Successful teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed 3-year reference to prevent conflict with MCL 380.1531j • Changed 150 teaching days to "instructional" • Clarified how a year of employment can be accumulated • Clarified a day = minimum of 6 hours; two partial days may be combined
	1105	Individuals required to hold certificates or permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated terms; Use of CTE terminology vs. occupational
	1111	Equality of opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplified language • Deleted unenforceable language
	1115	Applications, semester credit hours; examination scores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated terms • Introduced "standard" rather than "provisional" certificate
	1117	Certificate restrictions and expiration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated terms • Continued implementation of "standard certificate" • Explicit use of "Standard CTE certificate"
	1118	Nullification of teaching certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarified process per MCL 380.1532

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2. Standard Teaching Certificate and Interim teaching certificate	390.1121	General provisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated terms; certificate name
	1122	General Education; approved planned program or equivalent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections
	1122a	Interim teaching certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added ability to expire ITC when candidate exits program to comply with MCL 380.1531i Added ability/option to add endorsement to MI certificate using alternative route and ITC (can hold multiple certificates simultaneously)
	1123	Initial standard teaching certificate; program requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated terms (e.g., reading to literacy) Combined 1122, 1124, 1126 & 1127 for clarity, consistency & flow Clarified language around program requirements: removed major/minor & removed credit specification for some parts of initial preparation
	1124	Scholastic averages; directed teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections
	1125	Degree and recommendations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated terms; certificate name; cited law (MCL 380.1531d)
	1126	State elementary standard certificates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections
	1127	State secondary standard certificates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections
	1129	Additional endorsements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated terms: philosophical change on how MDE thinks about additional endorsements and all programs beyond the initial preparation programs
	1129a	Procedures at expiration of provisional and interim occupational certificates before September 1, 2013.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Expired Rules
	1129b	Procedures at expiration of standard teaching certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added ability to continually renew Standard Teaching Certificate (unlimited renewals) Updated 150 continuing education language to match 2013 statewide waiver (formerly 180) Standard Teaching Certificate and all subsequent renewals have a 5-year validity (existing Provisional Teaching Certificates will change in name, but maintain their validity as issued) Removed "within 5 years preceding date of application" restriction, but retained "since the issue date" of last certificate Moved "education-related professional learning hours" into definition section for consistency throughout all sections and sub-sections Allows use of District Provided Professional Development (DPPD) for Standard Teaching Certificate renewal Added one-time renewal based upon an earned education-related master's or higher degree (old "masters earned at any time" removed in 2012) Tied requirements to progress to Professional certificate back to MCL 380.1531j beginning July 1, 2018 Maintains the 2-year Extended Standard until such time as it is removed from law (MCL 380.1531e) Updated terms; certificate name Reorganized for clarity and flow

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	1130	Reciprocity agreements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated for clarity on reciprocity and acceptance of out-of-state and out-of-country teacher certification programs Removed the 3-years of experience restriction on out-of-state alternative route programs Referenced law where appropriate (e.g., first aid & CPR requirement, Temporary Teacher Employment Authorizations)
3. Professional Education Certificate	390.1132	Professional teaching certificate; before July 1, 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated 150 continuing education language to match 2013 statewide waiver (formerly 180) Included sunset date to reflect MCL 380.1531j requirements Added language to address reading requirement in MCL 380.1531(4) Removed "within 5 years preceding date of application" restriction, but retained "since the issue date" of last certificate Moved "education-related professional learning hours" into definition section for consistency throughout all sections and sub-sections Updated terms; certificate name
	1133	Professional teaching certificate; beginning July 1, 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added language to address MCL 380.1531j specific to Professional certificates issued beginning July 1, 2018 Moved "education-related professional learning hours" into definition section for consistency throughout all sections and sub-sections Added ability to progress based upon an earned master's or higher degree (old "masters earned at any time" removed in 2012) Updated 150 continuing education language to match 2013 statewide waiver (formerly 180) Added language to address reading requirement in MCL 380.1531(4) Removed "within 5 years preceding date of application" restriction, but retained "since the issue date" of last certificate
	1134		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections
	1135	Professional teaching certificate renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated 150 continuing education language to match 2013 statewide waiver (formerly 180) Added new one-time renewal based upon valid out-of-state certificate to enable smoother transition back to Michigan schools Moved "education-related professional learning hours" into definition section for consistency throughout all sections and sub-sections Removed "within 5 years preceding date of application" restriction, but retained "since the issue date" of last certificate Updated terms; certificate name
	1137	Advanced professional teaching certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated for clarity Added language to address MCL 380.1531k Updated terms; certificate name
	1138	Advanced professional teaching certificate; renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated 150 continuing education language to match 2013 statewide waiver (formerly 180) Moved "education-related professional learning hours" into definition section for consistency throughout all sections and sub-sections Updated for clarity (e.g., validity of Professional, completion of program verification) Added language to address MCL 380.1531k Updated terms; certificate name

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4. Substitute Permits	390.1141-1147	Substitute permits; general provisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided for new permit options implemented for the 2016-2017 school year; See Permits Summary document(s) for additional information
5. Teacher Preparation Providers	390.1151	Approved teacher preparation providers and programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections (1122, 1123, 1124, 1126 & 1127) specific to teacher preparation program approvals and program providers • Specifies authority for program approval is with the state superintendent
	1152		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No substantive changes
	1153		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clarified that experimental programs may not waive specific legal requirements for candidates seeking teaching certification
	1154		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescinded: Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections
6. CTE endorsements, certificates, and authorization	1161	Standard teaching certificate and professional teaching certificate with CTE endorsement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name changes to Standard Teaching Certificate or Professional Teaching certificate with a CTE endorsement • Use of CTE terminology vs. occupational • Changed recent and relevant experience to be defined by Superintendent of Public Instruction
	1162		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescinded: Combined and incorporated pieces within other sections
	1163	Standard CTE certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed name of certificate and clarify meaning of endorsement • Use of CTE terminology vs. occupational • Clarified the length of the validity • Moved "education-related professional learning hours" into definition section for consistency throughout all sections and sub-sections • Changed recent and relevant experience to be defined by Superintendent of Public Instruction • Defined the renewal of a Standard CTE Certificate to align with the Standard Teaching Certificate
	1164	Professional CTE certificate; before July 1, 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirrors that language for progression to the Professional; except for reading methods which is not required • Moved "education-related professional learning hours" into definition section for consistency throughout all sections and sub-sections • Clarifies reading diagnostics requirement • Defined the renewal of the Professional CTE Certificate to align with the Professional Teaching Certificate
	1164a	Professional CTE certificate; beginning July 1, 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed "Before Sept 1, 2013" language • Moved "education-related professional learning hours" into definition section for consistency throughout all sections and sub-sections • New rule mirrors the progression from the Standard to the Professional • Moved and edited renewal of the Professional CTE Certificate requirements to align with the Professional Teaching Certificate
	1165	Annual CTE authorization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed name of the authorization • Use of CTE terminology vs. occupational • Clarified meaning of endorsement • Edited language regarding recent and relevant experience to be defined by Superintendent of Public Instruction; plus required "work standards" • Added option for Credit track extension at the discretion of the Superintendent of Public Instruction • Added new language regarding the Superintendent of Public Instruction's option to rescind
	1166 - 1167		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No substantive changes

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9. Effective Date and Rescission			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinded: Unnecessary and not in conformance with current practice
10. Denial, suspension, and revocation of teaching certificates and state board approvals	390.1201	Denial, suspension, or revocation of certificate or state board approval; reinstatement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed a fixed term Redefined offense listed crime described in MCL 380.1535a or 1539b Clarified MDE's right to refuse renewal for ineligibility after a conditional agreement Clarified and added language regarding fitness of a teacher to be in the classroom Added ability to not reinstate a suspended or revoked certificate if the person was convicted of a crime described in section 380.1535a or 1539b
	1203	Investigation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Similar to 1201
	1204	Notice of basis for action, notice of right to hearing; informal conference to show compliance; referral for hearing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed written charges to Notice of charges for the basis of action to a certificate
	1216	Action by superintendent of public instruction on proposal for decision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaced references to SOAHR with Michigan Administrative Hearing System

Pertinent laws impacting teacher certification:

Certification Requirements: MCL 380.1 to 380.1853

Reciprocity: MCL 380.1531(6), MCL 380.1531(16)

Certificate Validity: MCL 380.1532

Educator Effectiveness Ratings: MCL 380.1531j & k

Reading Requirement: MCL 380.1531(4)

First Aid & CPR: MCL 380.1531d

2-Year Extension: MCL 380.1531e

Alternate Routes: MCL 380.1531i

Educator Evaluations MCL 380.1249

Permits MCL 380. 1233b, c, & f