

Certification and Licensure for Teachers of English Language Learners, by State

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Alabama	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Alaska ¹	X	X			X									X		0	
Arizona	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1-3	
Arkansas ¹	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
California	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	
Colorado	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X		0	
Connecticut	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Delaware	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	

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Florida	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0
Georgia	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0
Hawaii ¹	X				X											0
Idaho	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0
Illinois	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0
Indiana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0
Iowa	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0
Kansas ¹	X		X		X											0
Kentucky	X		X		X											0
Louisiana	X	X			X		X		X		X	X				0
Maine	X				X											0

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Maryland	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Massachusetts	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Michigan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Minnesota	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Mississippi¹	X				X											0	
Missouri	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Montana	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Nebraska	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Nevada	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		0		
New Hampshire	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
New Jersey	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	

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New Mexico	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
New York	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	
North Carolina	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
North Dakota ²																0	
Ohio	X	X			X											0	
Oklahoma	X				X	X	X	X		X			X			0	
Oregon	X				X											0	
Pennsylvania	X				X										Pending	0	
Rhode Island ¹	X	X		X	X											0	
South Carolina	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
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Tennessee	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Texas	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Utah ¹	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Vermont	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Virginia	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Washington	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
West Virginia	X				X											0	
Wisconsin	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	
Wyoming	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		0	

¹ ELL information reported contained within general education regulations. No ELL-specific regulations found.

² Unable to locate current legislation. Most recent administrative rules on teacher certification are listed as repealed.