



Rock Hill Schools

Renewal Credit Workshops
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Types of Valid Certificates



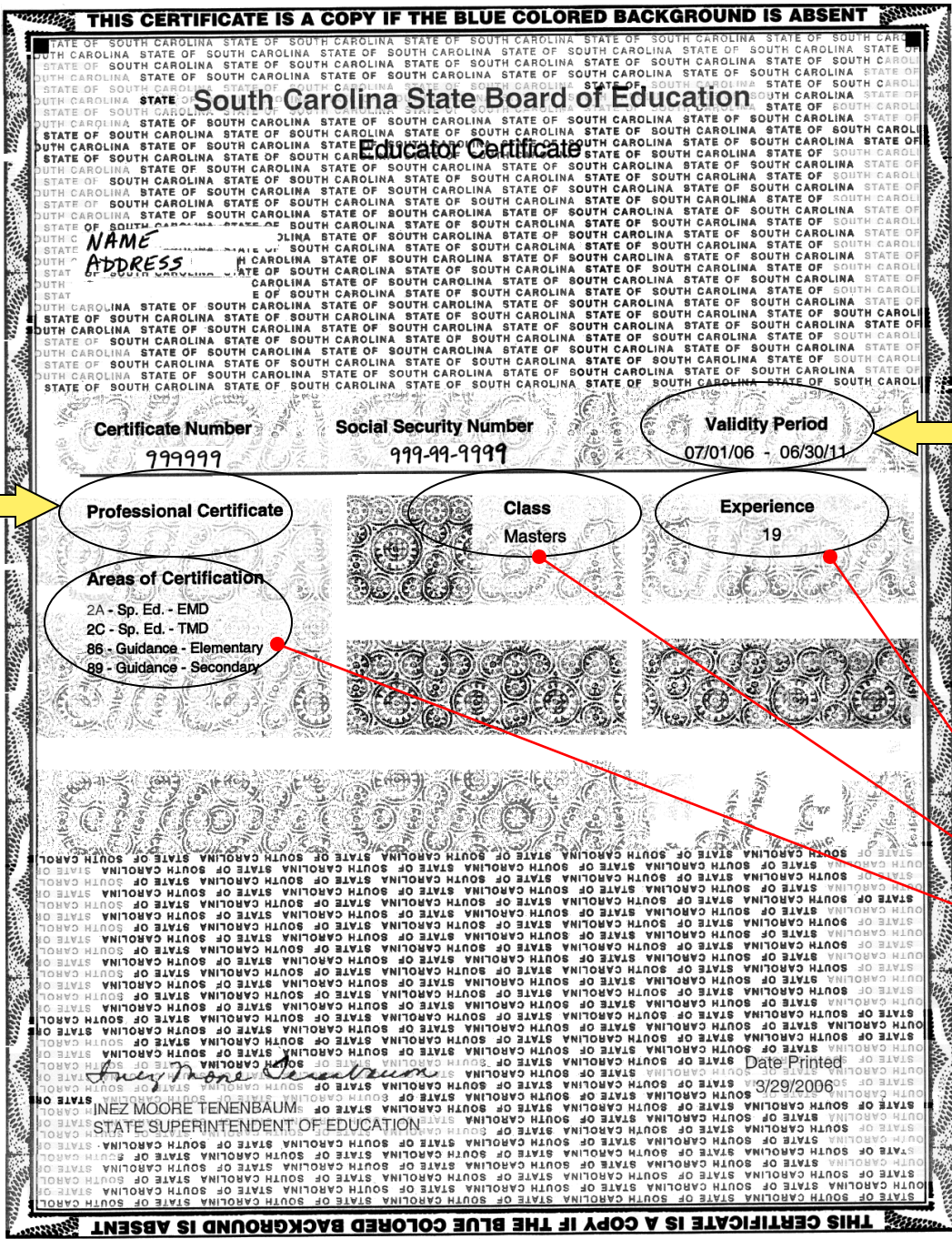
- Initial -
3-year validity during which educator must complete formal evaluation - cannot renew with credits from the matrix
- Critical Needs, CATE, or Alternative Route ABCTE -
1-year validity renewable for up to 3 years based on successful completion of requirements for ABCTE or PACE or 5 years for completion of CATE - cannot renew with credits from the matrix
- International -
1-year validity renewable based on visa status - cannot renew with credits from the matrix
- Restricted Alternative -
1-year validity renewable with 6 hours of credits each year until full add-on certification is achieved - cannot renew with credits from the matrix
- ★ • Professional -
5-year validity must be renewed with credits from the matrix (NB is the exception with a 10-year validity) -
NBCTs may renew certificates through the NB process or through credits from the matrix, if no longer interested in pursuing a renewal of the NB certificate



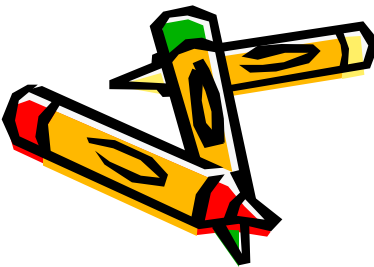


Validity Period
Only the validity period is updated in the renewal process

Areas of Certification, Class, and Experience
Changes must be completed by the State Dept.



Type of Certificate
only Professional Certificates are renewable through the Renewal Credit Process - renewals are done by the District



What information is on a certificate and how does it get changed?

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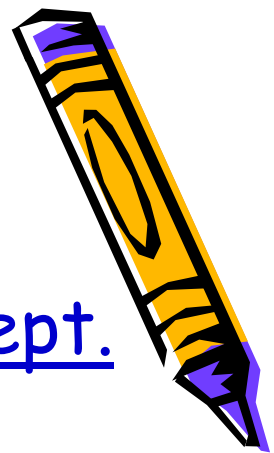
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Renewal vs Upgrade

- **UPGRADE** - completed by the state dept.
 - Changes in degree status
 - Changes in certification area(s)
 - Changes to experience credit

Educators must submit a change/action form (found on Rock Hill Schools web site) to the SDE for these actions to be taken.

- **RENEWAL** - completed by the district
 - Changes to the validity period of a certificate
- ONLY involves renewing a certificate's validity period



Renewal Process - State Guidelines

(pp. 1 - 5 in plan)

<http://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/departments/personnel/certification.aspx>

1. Educators must accrue 120 credits within the 5-year validity period (NB exception).
2. Activities in Options 3-11 must be over and above what is required in the educator's primary job.
3. Activities must be tied to:
 1. Professional Growth and Development Plan (PGDP)
 2. Support goals of school and district
 3. Promote student achievement
4. Educators with less than a master's degree must take a 3-hour graduate course (60 credits) to renew their certificates every five years.



Renewal Process - State Matrix (pp. 6-10 in plan)



All credits must be accrued within the 5-year validity cycle noted on a certificate. NB teachers renewing certificates with credits must earn credits in the last 5 years of the validity period.

- Option 1 - College Credit - max. 120 credits
- Option 2 - State Dept. Course Credit - max. 120 credits
- Option 3 - State Dept. Approved CEU credit - max. 120 credits
- Option 4 - Publications - max. 60 credits
- Option 5 - Instruction - max. 60 credits
- Option 6 - Professional Training - max. 120 credits
- Option 7 - Professional Assessor/Evaluator - max. 60 credits
- Option 8 - Mentoring/Instructional Coaching - max. 60 credits
- Option 9 - Project, Collaboration, or Grant - max. 60 credits
- Option 10 - Professional Development Activity - max. 60 credits
- Option 11 - IACET CEUs - max. 120 credits



Rock Hill Schools Process

(pp. 11-19 in plan)



- What do I do?
 - **Develop** a PGDP (p. 15) - update annually or more during GBE process
 - **Participate** in approved activities - throughout validity period
 - **Document** participation - must keep forms of documentation of activities (transcripts, etc.) noted in the matrix
 - **Submit** computation sheet (pp. 16-17) - at end of validity cycle **ONLY** (p. 12) - documentation of activities is kept by educator and not submitted with computation sheet



Web Resources and Forms

- Office of Teacher Certification
www.ed.sc.gov - for a copy of an educator's certificate, etc.
- Rock Hill Schools web site
 - Renewal Credit Plan - 2013 version
<http://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/departments/personnel/certification.aspx>
 - MyLearningPlan
<http://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/departments/staffdevelopment/mylearningplan.aspx>
 - FAQs
<http://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/departments/personnel/faqs.aspx>
 - Forms
<http://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/departments/personnel/forms/certification.aspx>
 - Computation Sheet
 - Request for Change/Action Form
 - Renewal Credit Plan - 2013 version



Final Thoughts

- ALL Renewal credit = staff development

HOWEVER

- Not all staff development = renewal credit

The determining factor is whether or not the renewal activity is a job requirement or a personal choice.

