



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Fifth Reissuance of Initial Educator Certificate

Fact Sheet #111

The initial educator certificate is the first level certificate issued as part of Connecticut's three-tier continuum, and is valid for a period of three years. If an individual has not met the requirements to obtain a provisional educator certificate (the second level certificate issued as part of Connecticut's certification continuum), the initial educator certificate may be reissued up to a maximum of five times. Applicants not serving for a Connecticut board of education at the end of the fifth reissuance must meet **all preparation and eligibility requirements, in effect at the time of application**. If all preparation and eligibility requirements are met, and the application is submitted to the Bureau of Certification and Professional Development prior to the expiration date, the individual would then be eligible to receive an initial educator certificate.

1. **I HOLD A VALID INITIAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE WHICH HAS BEEN REISSUED FIVE TIMES. I HAVE NOT WORKED UNDER MY INITIAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE. I MEET CURRENT CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. CAN MY INITIAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE BE RENEWED?**

Prior to the expiration date of the fifth reissuance, an individual must submit an application (form ED 170), official undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and a nonrefundable \$50 application fee. The application and official transcripts will be evaluated to determine if current course work and eligibility requirements are met. If the current requirements have been met, the applicant may obtain an initial educator certificate. The initial educator certificate can then be reissued up to five additional times before it will again be necessary to meet all preparation and eligibility requirements in effect at the time of application.

2. **IF MY OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS ARE EVALUATED AND I DO NOT MEET THE CURRENT COURSE WORK AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, WILL I BE ELIGIBLE TO RENEW MY INITIAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE?**

If all current course work and eligibility requirements have not been met, the certificate will lapse. If the application was submitted prior to the expiration date, within five years of application, no assessments will be required to obtain a reissuance in the same area of certification. However, an initial educator certificate cannot be issued until all current course work and eligibility requirements have been met.

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