

# Application for Alternative Teacher Licensure

New Mexico features four distinct paths for obtaining an Alternative license. Section 1 lists items that must be included with all applications for an Alternative license. Section 2 lists additional requirements that must be included with an Alternative application based on the specific path.

<http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/>

## Section 1.

**All applications for Alternative licensure must include the following to be considered complete**

- Application processing fee of \$125.00 in the form of a cashier's check or money order made payable to the "New Mexico Public Education Department." (see *current Fee Schedule*)
- Application form, completed in full, signed, and dated.
- Official sealed transcripts from all colleges/universities attended. Earned degrees must be posted on transcript.
- Background check completed through Gemalto for "Teacher Licensure" using ORI# **NM920140Z**. For information on how to complete a background please visit:  
<http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/officesandprograms/licensure/background-submission/>
- If you are a **Veteran, Military Service Members and Military Service Spouses**, provide a copy of a DD 214, current military identification card, your marriage license and a copy of your spouse's current orders for mobilization/deployment.

## Section 2.

**The following items, specific to a particular alternative pathway must be included in a complete application**

### Approved Program: Alternative by Educator Prep Program

- Official sealed transcripts conferring bachelor's degree with a GPA of 2.75 from a regionally accredited college/university; and
- Letter of Acceptance into an approved Alternative Teacher Prep Program; and
- Copy of Passing Score of the New Mexico Teacher Assessment Essential Academic Skills (Subtest I, II, III)

### NMTEACH

- Official sealed transcripts conferring bachelor's degree with a GPA of 2.75 from a regionally accredited college/university; and
- Letter from applicant addressed to "Director of Licensure," requesting approval to participate in the NMTEACH pathway
- Letter from District addressed to "Director of Licensure," requesting approval for educator to participate in the NMTEACH pathway; and
- Proof of enrollment in a required reading course; and
- Copy of Passing Score of the New Mexico Teacher Assessment Essential Academic Skills (Subtest I, II, III)

### Post-Secondary Teaching Pathway

- Verification of experience from a university or college from the HR department verifying a minimum of 5 or more full school years of teaching experience at the post-secondary level. Please indicate that at least 160 days was completed for each year taught (form must be on a university/college letterhead); and
- Proof of enrollment in a required reading course.

### Post-Secondary Administrative Pathway

- Verification of experience from a university or college from the HR department verifying a minimum of 6 full school years of administrative experience at the post-secondary level. Please indicate that at least 160 days was completed for each year worked (form must be on a university/college letterhead).

- Applications are only valid for 1 year
- Personal Checks will NOT be accepted
- Processing fees are non-refundable
- Money Order/Cashier's Check payable to "New Mexico Public Education Department."
- Any documents submitted for determination of licensure, will not be returned.

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED**



**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
**Professional Licensure Bureau**  
**Mailing:** 300 Don Gaspar Santa Fe, NM 87501  
**Physical Address:**  
 120 S. Federal Pl #105, Santa Fe, NM 87501

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

- Correct Fee - \$125.00
- Official sealed transcripts conferring bachelor's degree with a GPA of 2.75
- Letter of Acceptance into an approved Alternative Teacher Prep Program.
- Copy of Passing Score of the NMTA EAS (Subtest I, II, III)
- Letter to Participate  Letter from District in Support - (NMTEACH)
- Verification of Experience from a University or College
- Proof of Enrollment in required Reading Course

**APPLICATION FOR NEW MEXICO ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE**

Use **Black Ink** to complete this form. Please print legibly. **\*Required**

<b>Last Name*</b>	<b>First Name*</b>	<b>Middle Name*</b>	<b>Former Name(s)</b>	
<b>Street Number or PO Box*</b>		<b>City*</b>	<b>State*</b>	<b>Zip Code*</b>
<b>Phone Number*</b>		<b>E-mail Address*</b>		
<b>Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) *</b>		<b>Sex (M-F) *</b>	<b>Social Security No. *</b>	

1. Do you currently have a file and/or educator licensure in the State of New Mexico?  Yes  No  
 If "yes," what is your license file number? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you currently hold licensure in any other state(s)?  Yes  No  
 If "yes," in which other state(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ (Provide copies)
3. Are you employed or do you plan to be employed in education in New Mexico during this school year?  Yes  No  
 If "yes," what district/school? \_\_\_\_\_ In what position? \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Licensure Opportunities for Veteran, Military Service Members and Military Service Spouses**

- Check** if you or your spouse is an active military member. *Please attach a copy of military identification card, your marriage license and a copy of your spouse's current orders for mobilization/deployment.*

**Check** the licensure option and the type of license and endorsement(s) for which you are applying:

**Options:**

- Post-Secondary                       Alternative by NMTEACH                       Alternative by Educator Prep Program  
 (Approved Program)

**Licenses**

- Administrative *requires a graduate degree and 6 years of administrative experience at the post-secondary level.*
- Birth-Pre K                       Pre K-Grade 3                       Elementary, K-8                       Special Education, Pre K-12
- Middle Level, 5-9 \*                       Secondary, 7-12 \*\*                       Specialty Grades Pre K-12\*\*
- Student Success Advisor 7-12                       Blind & Visually Impaired B-12 (NMSU only)  
 (Instructional Support Provider)

*\* Needs at least one content area endorsement (see below).*

**Endorsements**

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology Coordinator                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bilingual *                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts  | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business  | <input type="checkbox"/> Library/Media  | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family & Consumer Science                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics  | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted Students                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Modern, Classical & Native Language<br>(Spanish, German, French, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health  | <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts<br>(Music, Theater, Dance)                             | <input type="checkbox"/> TESOL**              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History, Geography,<br>Economics,<br>& Government |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts          |

*\*Pass Prueba, Four Skills Exam or comparable exam and complete 24 semester hours in bilingual education competencies.*

*\*\*Pass the CKA in TESOL or comparable exam and complete 24 semester hours in TESOL education competencies.*

## **EDUCATION**

List colleges and universities you have attended

<b>Name of Institution(s)</b>	<b>Dates Attended</b>	<b>Degree Awarded</b>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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## **CHARACTER AND FITNESS**

Please **complete the following questions carefully and completely** before providing information and signing the oath. Any falsification or deliberate misrepresentation, including omission of a material fact, in completion of this application can be grounds for denial of certification, or in the case of a certificate holder, reprimand, suspension, or revocation of the educational license.

1. Have you ever had adverse action taken against any certificate or license in New Mexico or any other state?  
(Adverse action includes: letter of warning, reprimand, denial, suspension, revocation, voluntary surrender, or cancellation.)  
 Documentation previously provided on this item.     YES     NO
  
2. Have you ever had an application for a license, permit, credential, or other document authorizing school service or teaching denied or rejected for disciplinary reasons in New Mexico or any other state?  
 Documentation previously provided on this item.     YES     NO
  
3. Have you ever been disciplined, reprimanded, suspended, or discharged, from any employment because of allegations of misconduct?  
 Documentation previously provided on this item.     YES     NO
  
4. Have you ever resigned, entered into a settlement agreement, or otherwise left employment following an allegation of misconduct?  
 Documentation previously provided on this item.     YES     NO
  
5. Is any action now pending against you for alleged misconduct, including application discrepancies, in any school district, court, or before any educator-licensing agency?  
 Documentation previously provided on this item.     YES     NO
  
6. Have you ever failed to fulfill the terms of a teaching or administrative contract? (Resigning from employment, if proper notice was given, does not constitute failure to fulfill a contract.)  
 Documentation previously provided on this item.     YES     NO

***If you answered "yes" to any of the questions 1-6 above, please provide a complete narrative description of the details about your answer(s) on a separate sheet, including dates, places, school systems, and circumstances.***

7. Do you currently have any outstanding criminal charges, warrants of arrest, or conditions of probation pending against you in New Mexico or in any other state?  
 Documentation previously provided on this item.     YES     NO

**CAUTION:** Consider your answer to the following question (#8) carefully. Answer “yes” if you have ever been fingerprinted as the result of any arrest, even if the charges were later dismissed. The question is about ever having been fingerprinted, not about the disposition of a case.

8. Have you ever been fingerprinted as a result of any arrest for any crime or violation of the law?  
 Documentation previously provided on this item.  YES  NO
9. Have you ever pled guilty to, or been convicted of, any crime or violation of law, including entering a plea of *nolo contendere* or receiving a deferred or suspended sentence? (For purposes of this application, minor traffic citations should not be reported. Convictions for driving while intoxicated (DWI) or driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs (DUI), however, must be reported.)  
 Documentation previously provided on this item.  YES  NO
10. Are you currently delinquent in payment of court-ordered child support?  
 Documentation previously provided on this item.  YES  NO

*If you answered “yes” to any of the questions 7-10 above, please provide a complete narrative description of the details about your answer(s) on a separate paper, including the nature of the offense, charge, warrant or condition, the name and location of the arresting agency, if any, and the date of any arrest. Also provide relevant court disposition papers including a complete copy of the judgment and sentence and the status of the case, restitution, payment of fines and/r court costs, and satisfactory completion of the sentence. If court documents are not available, submit a letter from an official of the court certifying that documents are not available. **If ordered by a court to pay child support, please provide a copy of the judgement and order fixing your child support obligation.***

11. Have you ever had a court-ordered screening for alcohol or drug dependence?  
 Documentation previously provided on this item.  YES  NO

*If you answered “yes” to question 11 above, contact the appropriate agency and request that a copy of the alcohol or drug dependence screening is forwarded to our office. Also, provide evidence of completion of any such treatment, counseling, or alcohol and drug instructional program.*

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- I understand that licensure in the State of New Mexico is a privilege granted by the Public Education Department and that this privilege may be suspended or revoked for incompetency, immorality, or other good and just cause.
- I acknowledge that where licensure is required, by practicing as an educator or working in any school without Public Education Department licensure or official waiver granted by the New Mexico Secretary of Education is grounds for denial of any licensure application and may subject me to criminal and civil penalties as provided for by law.
- I have read and agree to abide by the New Mexico Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct found: [Here](#)
- I understand that my address and name detailed in this application will be the official address and name recorded in Public Education Department official records until a change of record form is received and that all communications regarding my educator licensure will be sent to the official address and name in the Public Education Department official records.
- I understand that I am obligated to complete a change of official record form within 30 days if I move, or change my name.

**OATH**

FALSE STATEMENTS OR OMISSIONS ARE CAUSE FOR DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF LICENSURE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear or affirm under the penalty of perjury that  
PRINT NAME  
all information I submitted in this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that any material misrepresentation or material omission of fact in this application is grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of the educator license(s) that I am seeking. Should a license be issued in error I understand PED has the option to rescind my license.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date