

ALTERNATIVE 2 REGULATION AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Ed 505.02 Alternative 2: States Other Than NH. (eff. 7-24-03)

Alternative 2 shall have 2 distinct requirements known as Alternative 2A and 2B, as described below:

(a) **Alternative 2A** relative to the **National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC)** Interstate Contract shall consist of the following:

- (1) Individuals shall qualify for a beginning or experienced educator credential by:
 - a. Completing a program in another state party to the NASDTEC Interstate Contract, which would qualify the applicant for certification as an educator in the other state, including, but not limited to, an alternative certification program, consistent with the terms of the NASDTEC Interstate Contract with New Hampshire; or
 - b. Holding an equivalent, valid credential from a state party to the NASDTEC Interstate Contract and having 3 years of educational experience in the last 7 years under a credential from a participating state; and
- (2) Applicants seeking to obtain certification under this part shall apply to the bureau pursuant to Ed 508. See following page for application instruction.

(b) **Alternative 2B** relative to a state **not** signatory to the NASDTEC Interstate Contract shall consist of the following:

- (1) Individuals from a state not a party to the NASDTEC Interstate Contract shall qualify for a beginning or experienced educator credential by:
 - a. Completing a program in another state not signatory to the NASDTEC Interstate Contract, which would qualify the applicant for certification as an educator in the other state, including, but not limited to, an alternative certification program, approved by the state department of education in a state not signatory to NASDTEC Interstate Contract; or
 - b. Holding an equivalent, valid credential from a state not signatory to NASDTEC Interstate Contract and having at least 3 years of experience as an educator in the last 7 years under a credential issued by that state.
- (2) Applicants seeking to obtain certification under this part shall apply to the bureau pursuant to Ed 508. See following page for application instruction.

NOTE: All candidates for initial certification under Alternative 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 must document basic academic skills of reading, writing, and mathematics (Ed 513.01). Candidates may do so by passing Praxis I [Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) or the Computerized Pre-Professional Skills Test (CPPST)]. In addition New Hampshire can accept the PRAXIS I composite score option. Alternative tests may be accepted. Exemption is provided if a candidate has a Master's degree or higher; or has seven or more years of educational experience under a credential issued by another state. All candidates must document subject area competence (Ed 513.01) by passing Praxis II – Subject Assessment Test - available for Biology, Chemistry, Earth/Space Science, English, General Science, Mathematics, Middle Jr. High School Mathematics, Physical Science, Physics, and Social Studies. Alternative tests may be accepted. Exemption is provided if the candidate has a Master's degree or higher in the subject to be taught or has seven or more years of educational experience in the subject area under a credential issued by another state.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

ALTERNATIVE 2* is a process whereby the State of New Hampshire recognizes training and certification in other states and countries and territories of the United States.

I. STATES THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE INTERSTATE AGREEMENT:

- A. If you are a graduate of an approved program of professional preparation in one of the states belonging to the Interstate Certification Contract and wish to apply for certification under Alternative 2, please submit the following:
- (1) Completed application.
 - (2) An original official transcript bearing the institutional recommendation or an official transcript plus an official statement from the chairperson of the preparing institution attesting to your having completed its approved program.
 - (3) A **NON-REFUNDABLE** application fee of **\$130.00**; make check payable to **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**.
- B. Holders of valid certification, based on a baccalaureate or higher degree and with at least three years successful regular teaching experience in the past seven years under certificates in Interstate Certification Contract states, meet the experience requirements for a comparable certificate. To apply for certification, please submit the following:
- (1) Completed application.
 - (2) A copy of the valid credential (front and back).
 - (3) An original letter of verification from school system(s) where you were employed identifying your major teaching assignment(s).
 - (4) A **NON-REFUNDABLE** application fee of **\$130.00**; make check payable to **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**.
 - (5) Official transcripts.

II. STATES OR COUNTRIES THAT ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE INTERSTATE AGREEMENT:

Persons who have completed programs in states or countries *not party to the Interstate Certification Contract* may also be eligible for certification in New Hampshire if such programs are comparable with those in New Hampshire. In addition, some candidates for certification as school principal or superintendent of schools may be eligible for certification if their coursework and experience is comparable to what is required in New Hampshire (Alternative 3C). To apply for certification, please submit the following:

- (1) Completed application.
- (2) A copy of the valid credential (front and back).
- (3) An original letter of verification from school system(s) where you were employed identifying your major teaching assignment(s).
- (4) A **NON-REFUNDABLE** application fee of **\$130.00**; make check payable to **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**.
- (6) Official transcripts.