

RENEWAL

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Renewal of National Board Certification

Renewal is a personal and public statement about your commitment to the profession and to your students.

Accomplished teachers recognize that their professional learning and growth never ends. In any given subject and developmental area, best practice and knowledge are constantly evolving. At the same time, changes in technology and policy affect every aspect of education, from the classroom to administration.

For those reasons, National Board Certification, like Board certification in other professions from architecture to medicine, must be periodically renewed. If you are a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) and wish to retain your certification status, you must renew prior to the expiration date of your most recent certificate.

The Process: Profile of Professional Growth (PPG)

The renewal process is not recertification. It's a process by which you compile and submit a Profile of Professional Growth (PPG), demonstrating how your practices continue to align with the Five Core Propositions in your certificate area. In contrast to initial certification, the PPG is a single submission composed of three interrelated components and a reflection. These components draw upon a single group of Professional Growth Experiences (PGEs) you select. NBCTs have reported they spend about 30 to 40 hours working on the Profile of Professional Growth.

“Renewing my National Board certificate was never really NOT an option for me. Being an NBCT has helped me refine and redefine what being a teaching professional truly means. The renewal process helped me see that my NBPTS “habits of mind” had indeed become intrinsic to my professional work, and the reflection on my professional growth showed me how far I had come and how much I anticipated my future growth!”

- Pat Graff, renewed NBCT

What if I have left the classroom?

You may be surprised to learn that NBCTs who no longer actively teach students but serve in other roles in education are eligible to renew. In fact, many NBCTs in this position have successfully renewed by borrowing a classroom for the one PGE that requires evidence with students use teachers as learners for the remaining PGs. Whether you are an administrator, district office staff, instructional coach, higher education faculty, retiree, or have changed the subject area and developmental level you teach, you can still renew.

Eligibility & Timing

In order to renew you must have:

- Current Board certification
- A valid teaching license

As an NBCT, you have two opportunities to apply for certification renewal. It is prudent to take advantage of the first opportunity so you can apply again during the second opportunity if necessary.

How much does it cost to renew?

The fee for renewal is \$1,250.

Mentoring and Candidate Support

Many districts, networks and professional associations provide candidate support for renewal candidates. Click the map on boardcertifiedteachers.org to find the contact information for resources that may be available in your state.

Note: Beginning in 2021, NBCTs will extend the life of their certificate through maintenance of certification. Check back later for additional details.

“Even though I am no longer in the classroom, I will always consider myself a National Board Certified Teacher. I utilize the Five Core Propositions as a guideline in every aspect of my role as Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator. I wanted to look more deeply at my growth and effectiveness since certification to see if I was still reflecting the essence of an NBCT, so I chose to embark on the renewal journey to see how well I am still impacting student learning. Being able to return to a classroom and teach students in my certificate area was the highlight for me!”

- Cyndi Herron, Renewed NBCT

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