



Proposed Revisions to the Initial Reissuance, Provisional Renewal, and Time Extension Requirements

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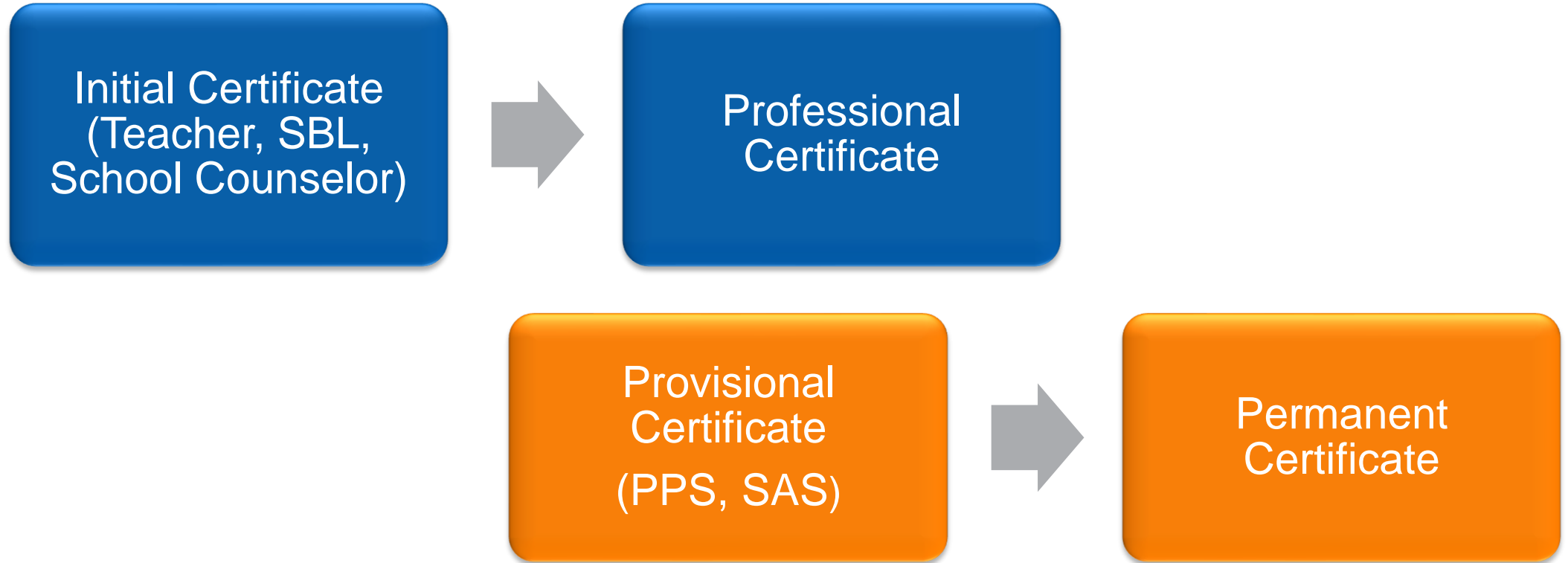
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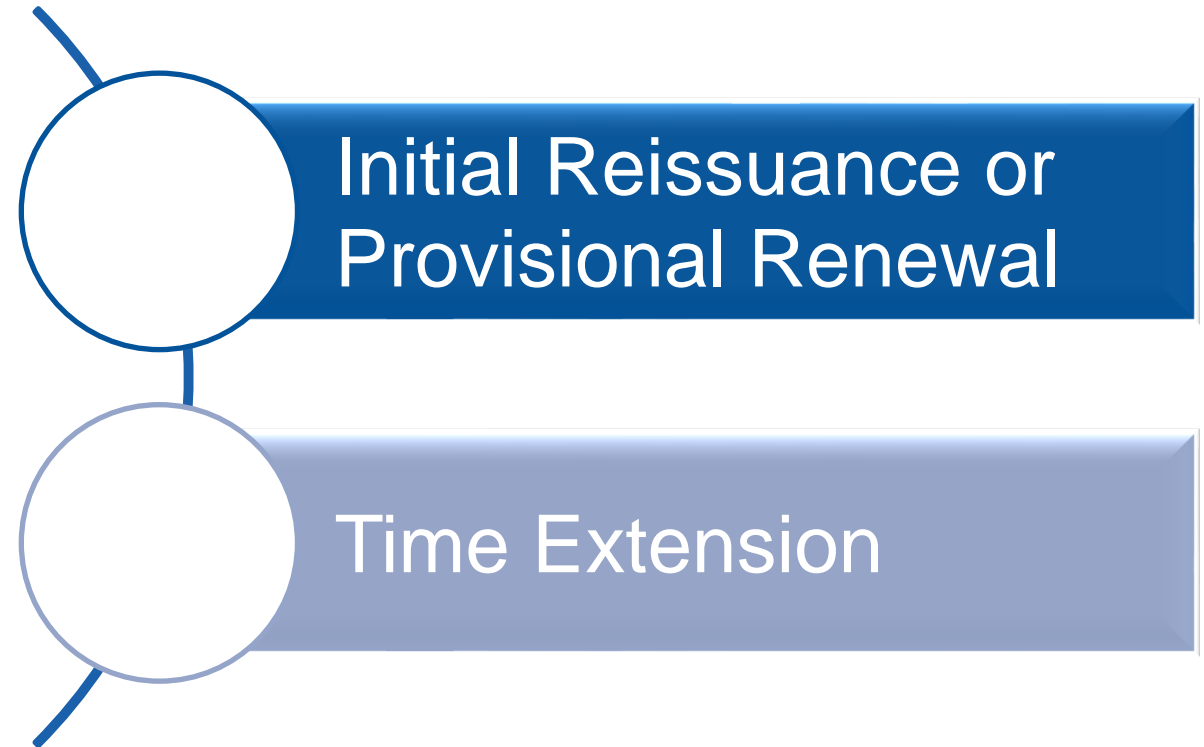
Certificate Progression

Initial and Provisional educator certificates are entry-level certificates that are valid for five years.



Extension Options

Educators who are not able to meet the Professional and Permanent certificate requirements within five years have two options, if they are eligible:



Initial Reissuance

For the five-year reissuance, candidates must:

- Have less than three years of experience, and
- Pass the certification exam(s) in the area required for the certificate sought within one year before or after the application date or during the validity period of the Emergency COVID-19 certificate.

Teachers and Initial School Counselor certificate holders can obtain one reissuance.

School building leaders can receive a second reissuance if they:

- Meet the requirements for the first reissuance,
- Meet all requirements for the Professional certificate except the experience requirement, and
- Have been employed in a school district or BOCES to provide instructional support services during three of the past five years.

Provisional Renewal

The requirements for the five-year renewal varies by certificate type:

Certificate Type	Provisional Renewal Requirements
Provisional School Counselor certificate	Can obtain the renewal to meet the experience and/or education requirement for the Permanent certificate.
Other pupil personnel service certificates	Complete all requirements for the Permanent certificate other than the experience requirement.
Provisional School Administrator and Supervisor certificate	In addition to the above requirement, pass the School Building Leader Assessment.

Time Extension Overview



Initial, Initial Renewal, Provisional, Provisional Renewal, and some Transitional certificates



Three years



Adds three years to the expiration date

Time Extension Requirements

- **Educators who are eligible for the time extension include those:**
 - **On leave from their teaching duties because of childbearing, childrearing, serious illness, or extended illness;**
 - **Are serving with the Peace Corps or other volunteer organization;**
 - **Whose service as a teacher has been discontinued as a result of abolition of teaching positions in the school district in which employed;**
 - **Due to extreme hardship or other circumstances beyond the control of the individual, were unable to complete the requirements for the permanent or professional certificate in a timely manner, excluding normal family commitments or inconvenience;**
 - **Have been unable to secure employment as a teacher or who have been pursuing a career other than teaching.**

Proposed Revisions

As some educators may be eligible for the Time Extension, but not the Initial Reissuance/Provisional Renewal and vice versa, we propose:

Removing the “Time Extension” option for Initial and Provisional certificate holders, and instead, allowing these certificate holders to obtain up to two reissuances/renewals that would have more flexible eligibility requirements.

Proposed Initial Reissuance Requirements

Current Reissuance

Teachers, School Building Leaders, and School Counselors:

- Did not meet the Professional certificate experience requirement, and
- Pass the exam in the certificate area.

School Building Leaders only (**second reissuance**):

- Meet the above requirements, and
- Provided instructional support services during three of the past five years.

Proposed Reissuance

Teachers, School Building Leaders, and School Counselors:

- **First reissuance:** Meet all requirements for the Professional certificate except the education and/or experience requirement.
- **Second reissuance:** Meet all requirements for the Professional certificate except the education or experience requirement

Proposed Provisional Renewal Requirements

Current Renewal

School counselors:

- Can obtain the renewal to meet the experience and/or education requirement for the Permanent certificate.

Other pupil personnel services:

- Complete all requirements for the Permanent certificate other than the experience requirement.

School Administrator and Supervisor (SAS):

- Meet the above requirement and pass the School Building Leader Assessment.

Proposed Renewal

Pupil Personnel Services other than SAS:

- **First reissuance:** Meet all requirements for the Permanent certificate except the education and/or experience requirement.
- **Second reissuance:** Meet all requirements for the Permanent certificate except the education or experience requirement

SAS:

- Must apply and qualify for the renewal by September 2, 2023.

Proposed Time Extension Revisions



Internship, Residency, and Transitional H certificate holders would be eligible for the Time Extension in addition to certain Transitional certificate holders.



The proposed Time Extension requirements include:

Transitional A and G certificates: A commitment of employment of at least one year after the certificate expiration date.

Internship; Residency; Transitional B, C, and H certificates: Documentation of continued matriculation in their registered educator preparation program after the expiration date of the certificate.

Current Educators

The proposal includes provisions for educators who:

- Were issued one Initial Reissuance/Provisional Renewal and one Time Extension in the past
- Received one Time Extension in the past
- Were issued an Initial Reissuance/Provisional Renewal on or after May 20, 2020 and prior to August 2, 2023
- Were issued a three-year Time Extension for their Initial certificate, Initial Reissuance, Provisional certificate, or Provisional Renewal and the Time Extension expiration date is on or after August 31, 2023