Certification Information
How can you qualify for a Maryland Certificate?

http://www.mdcert.org
4 Routes to Maryland Certification

➢ Complete an Approved Program

➢ Approved Professional Experience

➢ Transcript Analysis

➢ Maryland Approved Alternative Prep Program
Approved Program*

- Instate or Out of State
- Brick & Mortar or On-Line
- Bachelor’s, Master’s or Post-Bacc

*Regional Accreditation
Transcript Analysis

- 4 PARTS* -

- Content Area (30 credits)
- Professional Credits (21 or 27 credits)
- Experience
- Tests

*ESOL, Special Ed & Middle School
Maryland Teacher Certification Tests

- All teachers must take a Basic Skills test:
  - Praxis I, ACT, SAT or GRE

- Most teaching areas have content specific knowledge & pedagogy assessments
Other Testing Options

- A current, professional, out-of-State teaching certificate and verification that a qualifying score on a valid State certificate test was submitted to receive the certificate;

- A professional teaching certificate and 2 years of satisfactory full-time teaching experience in the certification area at the appropriate level; or

- Evidence of distinction of knowledge, skill, and practice of teaching provided to the applicant by a national or regional organization that is approved by the State Superintendent of Schools.
Types of Maryland Certificates

- Professional Eligibility Certificate (PEC)
- Standard Professional (SPC I & II)
- Advanced Professional Certificate (APC)
- Conditional Certificate (CDC or CNC)
Endorsements

Additional certification areas can be added to a Maryland professional certificate with a “teaching” area....

...with 30 content credits
or
...a Maryland content test
Minimum Requirements to be Evaluated for Certification

- Bachelor’s degree or higher from an IHE
- Maryland qualifying scores on the Praxis I, ACT, SAT or GRE
- Maryland qualifying scores on the Praxis II content test for the area(s) you are requesting
Applying to MSDE for Certification
How to Apply for Certification On-Line

- Mail official transcripts to MSDE.
- Mail a photocopy of your test scores.

If applicable…

- Mail a photocopy of out of state certificates.
- Mail original verifications of experience.
Once you have sent a completed packet...

- Create a “new user” account.
- Complete the application for certification.
- Submit the application.
You Will Receive from MSDE via Email

- A Statement of Professional Eligibility
- A Notification of Payment Due
- Pay via Credit Card.
- Once payment has been received, your Certificate will be issued.
- You may go online to view, download and print your Certificate.
How to Apply for Maryland Certification the Old Fashioned Way

Write a Cover letter to:

MSDE
ATTN: Certification
200 W. Baltimore St.
Baltimore MD 21201

Include the following information

– Name, Address, SSN, Telephone #, DOB, and Permanent email address. Specify in what areas you are interested in becoming certified (max. 2)
How to Apply for Maryland Certification (cont.)

- Mail official transcripts to MSDE
- Mail a photocopy of your test scores
You will Receive from MSDE...

- A Statement of Professional Eligibility with directions for accessing the application online
You will send to MSDE....

A completed application (transcripts and test scores will be on file) and a $10 money order, cashier’s check or certified check made out to MSDE
You will Receive from MSDE…

- Directions to view, download and print your digital certificate

- An Information Letter regarding renewal requirements
Where Can You Get Additional Info?

MSDE Website:  http://www.mdcert.org

Maryland Certification Assistance Line
410–767–0412  or  1–888–772-8922

Maryland State Department of Education
Division of Certification and Accreditation

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