



State Requirements

for Teacher Certification/Licensure in Physical Education

State	The state requires certification/licensure of physical education teachers in elementary	The state requires certification/licensure of physical education teachers in junior high	The state requires certification/licensure of physical education teachers in high school	The state allows elementary classroom teachers (generalists) to teach required elementary school physical education	How often must the physical education teacher certification/licensure be renewed?	The state grants temporary/emergency certificates to teach physical education in elementary school	The state grants temporary/emergency certificates to teach physical education in middle/junior high school	The state grants temporary/emergency certificates to teach physical education in high school	State has a minimum requirement for receiving a temporary/emergency certificate	Time that a temporary/emergency certificate is valid
AL	•	•	•	•	More than 5 years					
AK										
AZ	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	1 year
AR		•	•		5 years	•	•	•	•	1 year
CA	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	1 year
CO				•	5 years	•	•	•	•	1 year
CT	•	•	•		5 years	•	•	•	•	Less than 1 year
DE	•	•	•		5 years	•	•	•	•	3 years
DC										
FL			•	•	5 years	•	•	•	•	2 years
GA	•	•	•		5 years	•	•	•	•	1 year
HI	•	•	•	•	5 years					
ID			•	•	5 years	•	•	•		
IL	•	•	•	•						
IN	•	•	•	•	5 years	•	•	•	•	1 year
IA	•	•	•	•	5 years	•	•	•	•	2 years
KS	•	•	•	•	5 years	•	•	•	•	Less than 1 year
KY	•	•	•							
LA		•	•	•	Less than 3 years		•	•	•	1 year
ME	•	•	•		5 years	•	•	•	•	1 year
MD	•	•	•		5 years					
MA	•	•	•							

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MI	•	•	•	•	5 years		•	•	•	1 year
MN	•	•	•	•	5 years	•	•	•	•	3 years
MS			•	•	5 years	•	•		•	1 year
MO	•	•	•		More than 5 years	•	•	•	•	2 years
MT	•	•	•	•	5 years	•	•	•	•	1 year
NE	•	•	•	•						
NV	•	•	•	•	5 years	•	•	•		
NH	•	•	•		3 years					
NJ	•	•	•	•						
NM	•	•	•	•						
NY		•	•	•	5 years					
NC	•	•	•		5 years					
ND	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	
OH			•	•	5 years					
OK	•	•	•							
OR		•	•	•	3 years	•	•	•		
PA	•	•	•	•						
RI	•	•	•		3 years	•	•	•	•	1 year
SC	•	•	•		More than 5 years	•	•	•	•	3 years
SD	•	•	•		5 years					
TN	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	1 year
TX	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		
UT	•	•	•	•	5 years		•	•	•	2 years
VT	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	1 year
VA	•	•	•	•	5 years					
WA	•	•	•							
WV	•	•	•	•	5 years					
WI	•	•	•	•	5 years					
WY	•	•	•		More than 5 years	•	•	•	•	1 year
Total	39	43	47	29		26	29	28		