



## Certification Support

Changes to Certification Requirements: 3.0 GPA exemption, [click here](#) for details

- Praxis Core is not required if at the time a candidate applies for certification their GPA is 3.0 in their last degree.
- For pre-service teachers, Praxis Core requirements are set by your prep program. Check to be sure.

\* Have questions about your specific situation, but unsure who to ask? Before reaching out, first review MSDE's website [www.mdcert.org](http://www.mdcert.org).

Employed by a local school system	Not currently employed with a local school system	Hired by a local system, but have not started yet	Enrolled in a teacher preparation program
Every district has a certification specialist to help. It may be a whole department or housed within the human resources department.	MSDE is your point of contact!  TIP: State that you are <b>not</b> under contract with a district or you may inadvertently get sent back to the local school system.  Questions to <a href="mailto:certinfo.msde@maryland.gov">certinfo.msde@maryland.gov</a>	Call the person who hired you!	Ask your education advisor or program coordinator!

### Certification Resources:

1. [MSDE FAQ](#)
2. [All things educator certification MSDE](#)
3. [Applying for certification](#)
4. [Testing information - general](#)