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.

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<th>Employed by a local school system</th>
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<td>Every district has a certification specialist to help. It may a whole department or housed within the human resources department.</td>
<td>MSDE is your point of contact! TIP: State that you are not 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></td>
<td>Call the person who hired you!</td>
<td>Ask your education advisor or program coordinator!</td>
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Certification Resources:

1. MSDE FAQ
2. All things educator certification MSDE
3. Applying for certification
4. Testing information - general