

**VALIDITY, REINSTATEMENT, RENEWAL AND EXTENSION
OF LOUISIANA CERTIFICATES**

Type C certificates for beginning teachers in Louisiana shall be valid for three years. Teachers who have had the required academic preparation and the necessary number of years of successful teaching experience in their properly certified fields and have successfully completed the Louisiana Teacher Assistance and Assessment program may have Type C certificates converted into Type B or Type A certificates. In each case, life validation is subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

Type B and A certificates shall be valid for life provided the holder does not allow any period of five or more consecutive calendar years of disuse to accrue and/or the certificate is not revoked by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education acting in accordance with law.

Type B and Type A certificates shall lapse for disuse if the holder thereof shall allow a period of five consecutive calendar years to pass in which he is not a regularly employed teacher for at least one semester (90 consecutive days).

Reinstatement of a lapsed certificate shall be made only on evidence that the holder has earned six semester hours of resident, extension, or correspondence credit in courses approved by Certification and Higher Education or a Louisiana dean of education for the first period of five consecutive years of disuse.

It is the responsibility of the parish employing authority to notify Certification and Higher Education when he desires to employ a teacher whose Type C, B, or A certificate has expired.

Upon recommendation of the parish superintendent (or corresponding administrative officer of a private school system) who wishes to employ such a teacher, the holder of a lapsed Type C certificate may have the certificate renewed for an additional period of three years, subject to the approval of Certification and Higher Education or upon the presentation of six semester hours of credit directly related to the area(s) of certification. Such hours shall be resident, extension, or correspondence credit from a regionally accredited institution approved by Certification and Higher Education or a Louisiana dean of education. However, if the holder of a Type C certificate has not been employed regularly as a teacher for at least one semester during a period of five years, his certificate can be reinstated for three years only upon the presentation of six semester hours of credit. Those hours must be directly related to area(s) of certification and may be resident, extension, or correspondence credits earned from a regionally accredited institution approved by Certification and Higher education or a Louisiana dean of education.

The six semester hours of resident, extension, or correspondence credit required to reinstate a certificate must be earned during the five-year period immediately preceding the reinstatement of the certificate.

If a Louisiana employing school system wishes to employ an individual with a lapsed certificate, who has not completed the six semester hours of credit, may do so by employing them on a temporary basis. Within that year of employment the individual must complete the six hours to reinstate his/her certificate.