



International Teacher¹ Requirements

TEMPORARY	STANDARD	PROFESSIONAL
Valid 2 years (renewable)	Valid 5 years (renewable)	Valid 5 years (renewable)
Degree	Degree	Degree
Applicable tertiary degree ²	Applicable tertiary degree ²	Applicable graduate tertiary degree ²
Educational Studies	Educational Studies	Educational Studies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicable degree (earned outside of the U.S.) to area of certification being requested All of the above, OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A state, provincial, or national Teacher credential, fully recognized in the country of issuance³ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicable degree (earned outside of the U.S.) to area of certification being requested All of the above, OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A state, provincial, or national Teacher credential, fully recognized in the country of issuance³ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicable degree (earned outside of the U.S.) to area of certification being requested All of the above, OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A state, provincial, or national Teacher credential fully recognized in the country of issuance³
Biblical Studies	Biblical Studies	Biblical Studies
Not required for initial application	3 semester hours or 54 CEUs ⁴ in Bible	6 semester hours or 108 CEUs ⁴
Christian Philosophy of Education	Christian Philosophy of Education	Christian Philosophy of Education
Not required for initial application	Required	Required
Renewal Requirements	Renewal Requirements	Renewal Requirements
May include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 semester hour or 18 CEUs in biblical studies (if Standard Level Biblical Studies requirement is not met) CPOE requirement (if not previously completed) 	May include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 CEUs⁴ (or equivalent semester hours) in Bible 30 CEUs⁴ (or equivalent semester hours) in Education 	May include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 CEUs⁴ (or equivalent semester hours) in Bible 30 CEUs⁴ (or equivalent semester hours) in Education

¹ The International Teacher certificate covers applicable grades.

² This degree can be earned outside of the U.S., and no equivalency report will need to be provided. The degree type should match the area the teacher is teaching in.

³ Certificates that qualify would be full state certificates requiring ongoing professional development. Emergency, temporary, substitute, non-tax, non-public or other types of certificates that would lack full standing in a public school would not apply. If the only thing missing to bring the certificate into full standing is student teaching experience, which some states require, it may qualify upon review.

⁴1 CEU = 1 clock hour

Helpful Information

Initial Certification:

1. Submit the application and fee as listed. (available through the [ACSI website](#))
2. Submit official transcript(s) showing college name, location, degree granted, and date degree was granted OR submit a copy of an official diploma granted by the institution. A clear photocopy of a transcript or diploma is acceptable as long as the name(s) and location(s) of the college/university, and the degree(s) and date(s) of degree(s) are printed by the college/university on all documents submitted.

Renewal Information:

All renewals/upgrades require an application and the fee.

1. The International Teacher was designed for those who are **teaching outside of the United States**, and who have **earned their degree/teaching credential outside of the United States** as well. To qualify for this certificate, the applicant must hold a position at an international school.
2. Detailed information concerning CEUs can be found on the [ACSI website](#).
3. To receive CEU credit for in-services, workshops, conferences, and/or Bible studies, etc., the continuing education must be completed through an approved provider. (ACSI accredited schools are automatically approved providers, and administrators from accredited schools with appropriate account access can simply add completed CEUs to their teachers' VPP.) Adding a third-party CEU to your VPP is now available (these will be reviewed by ACSI during the application review process). While completing your certification application, you will be able to choose which CEUs you would like to be applied to your ACSI certificate.
4. If you have earned at least 30 semester hours of college credit in approved Bible coursework, Bible CEUs will be waived for renewal of an ACSI Standard or Professional certificate. This will be determined upon ACSI's evaluation of your transcripts.
5. Keep a photocopy of each item sent to ACSI or send photocopies and keep originals.
6. Applicants who have an applicable degree and/or educator credential in a country outside of the U.S. can apply and obtain this certificate without submission of an equivalency report.

Lifetime Certification:

A Lifetime certificate will be issued after 10 years at the Professional level; submission of renewal requirements; and verification of 10 years working in a Christian school setting.

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