

Teacher Certification and Standards Board
Levels Assigned to the Academic Teacher's Certificate
No. CSB 15-01 replacing No. CSB 13-08 replacing No. CSB 11-03 replacing Permanent
Academic Teacher's Certificate No. CSB 03-01 replacing No. CSB 98-02

Pursuant to sections 7 and 11 of the *School Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. S-2.1, I hereby approve the following Certification and Standards Board Policy concerning the Academic Teacher's Certificate.

1. An Academic Teacher's Certificate shall be assigned a level based upon an evaluation at the initial application, or upon an application to the Registrar for an upgrade. The level assigned to an Academic Teacher's Certificate is determined by an evaluation of the academic and professional studies completed by the applicant. A certificate, or a new certificate level, becomes effective on the date when all required documentation and the required evaluation fee has been received by the Office of the Registrar and provided that the assignment of said certificate level has been approved by the Minister.

2. An Academic Teacher's Certificate 4 shall be issued to a person, who upon payment of the required fees and submission of the required documentation provides proof to the Registrar of the completion of
 - i) an approved *one hundred and twenty* (120) credit hour bachelor's degree in education or equivalent

OR

 - an approved *ninety* (90) credit hour academic bachelor's degree or equivalent and an approved *thirty* (30) credit hour bachelor's degree in education or equivalent

 - ii) a minimum cumulative total of *one hundred and twenty* (120) credit hours of post-secondary studies at recognized universities

An upgrade from an Academic Certificate Level 4 to an Academic Certificate Level 5, shall be issued to the holder of an Academic Teacher's Certificate 4 who upon payment of the required fees and submission of the required documentation provides proof to the Registrar of completion

i) of an additional *thirty* (30) credit hours of approved university courses at the non-introductory undergraduate or post-graduate level or of courses recognized by the Minister

ii) where the course work is in a professional area related to education and/ or in subject areas related to the authorized PEI public school curriculum recognized by the Minister

iii) a minimum cumulative total of *one hundred and fifty* (150) credit hours of university studies

3. An Academic Teacher's Certificate Level 5 shall be issued to a person who, upon payment of the required fees and submission of the required documentation provides proof to the Registrar of completion of

i) an approved *one hundred and twenty* (120) credit hour academic bachelor's degree or equivalent and an approved minimum of *thirty* (30) credit hour bachelor's degree in education

OR

an approved *ninety* (90) credit hour academic bachelor's degree or equivalent and an approved *sixty* (60) credit hour bachelor's degree in education or equivalent

OR

an approved concurrent or integrated *one hundred and fifty* (150) credit hour bachelor's degree in education

ii) a minimum cumulative total of *one hundred and fifty* (150) credit hours of university studies

An upgrade from an Academic Certificate Level 5 to an Academic Certificate Level 5-A shall be issued to the holder of an Academic Teacher's Certificate 5 who upon payment of the required fees and submission of the required documentation provides proof to the Registrar of completion of

i) the requirements for an Academic Teacher's Certificate 5, and

ii) an additional *thirty* (30) credit hours of university courses at the graduate or undergraduate non-introductory level or of courses recognized by the Minister

iii) where the course work is in a professional area related to education and/ or in subject areas related to PEI curriculum and has been approved by the Registrar

iv) a minimum cumulative total of *one hundred and eighty* (180) credit hours of post-secondary studies

4. An Academic Teacher's Certificate Level 5-A shall be issued to a person who upon payment of the required fees and required documentation provides proof to the Registrar of completion of

i) the requirements for an Academic Teacher's Certificate 5, and

ii) an additional *thirty* (30) credit hours of study at the non-introductory or graduate level

iii) where the course work is in a professional area related to education and/ or in subject areas related to PEI curriculum areas recognized by the Minister

iv) a minimum commutative total of *one hundred and eighty* (180) credit hours of university studies

An upgrade from an Academic Certificate Level 5-A to an Academic Certificate Level 6 shall be issued to the holder of an Academic Teacher's Certificate 5-A who upon payment of the required fees and submission of the required documentation provides proof to the Registrar of completion of

i) the requirements for an Academic Teacher's Certificate 5-A, and

ii) an additional *thirty* (30) credit hours of study resulting in a minimum cumulative total of *one hundred and eighty* (180) credit hours of university studies and,

iii) a master's degree in education or a master's degree in a professional area related to education and/ or in subject areas related to the authorized PEI curriculum that has been approved by the Registrar

5. An Academic Teacher's Certificate 6 shall be issued to a person who, upon payment of the required fees and submission of the required documentation provides proof to the Registrar of completion of

i) the requirements for an Academic Teacher's Certificate V and,

ii) an additional *thirty* (30) credit hours of study resulting in a minimum cumulative total of *one hundred and eighty* (180) credit hours of post-secondary studies and,

iii) a master's degree in education or a master's degree in a professional area related to education and/ or in subject areas related to the authorized PEI curriculum that has been approved by the Registrar

Individuals who completed a pre-service initial teacher education program that was a masters degree and that was recognized for certification in the jurisdiction where it was completed, must complete an additional masters degree in a professional area related to education and/ or in subject areas related to the authorized PEI curriculum that has been

approved by the Registrar and has attained a minimum of *one hundred and eighty* (180) credit hours of accumulated university studies to attain the Academic Certificate Level 6.

6. An Academic Teacher's Certificate 7 shall be issued to a person who, upon payment of the required fees and submission of the required documentation, provides proof to the Registrar of completion of

i) the requirements for an Academic Teacher's Certificate 6 and

ii) an additional thirty (30) credit hours of study resulting in a minimum cumulative total of two hundred and ten (210) credit hours of post-secondary studies and,

iii) an additional master's degree or doctoral degree in education or in a professional or subject area that relates directly to the P.E.I. public school system and that has been approved by the Registrar

Sections referencing an Academic Certificate Level 7 (sections 5 and 6) come into effect on October 1, 2013. Any commensurate salary increase must be negotiated.

7. An upgrade from an Academic Teachers Certificate Level 4 to an Academic Teachers Certificate Level 5 or from an Academic Teachers Certificate Level 5 to an Academic Teachers Certificate Level 5-A shall be issued to a person who, upon payment of the required fees and submission of the required documentation, provides to the Registrar for one only of the four career and technical education curriculum areas recognized by the Minister (automotive, carpentry, welding, cooking) proof of

(i) completion of a minimum of *one* (1) year program, or the minimum number of weeks of block training required for qualification in the trade, at a recognized post-secondary institution, and

(ii) completion of a minimum of *four* (4) years of work experience or the minimum required number of hours of work experience for qualification in the trade, and

(iii) completion of the Red Seal or qualification exam for the trade, and

(iv) attainment of the Red Seal or trade qualification for the trade.

8. The application package and form to apply for an upgrade to an Academic Certificate and the summary of policy, regulations, guidelines and fees contained therein are approved as attached to this document as attachment UAC # 1- Eng, UAC # 1-Fre.

DATED at Charlottetown

February 09, 2015

Minister J. Alan McIsaac