

**§13012-A. Conditional certificate**

**1. Conditional certificate.** The commissioner may issue a conditional certificate to:

A. An individual who has not met all of the requirements for a certificate as set forth in section 13013, 13019-I, 13019-G or 13022. [PL 2017, c. 235, §11 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]

B. An individual who is eligible for an endorsement to teach in a teacher shortage area as determined by the commissioner; or [PL 2017, c. 235, §11 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]

C. A holder of a professional teacher certificate under section 13013 who is transitioning to another endorsement; [PL 2017, c. 235, §11 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]  
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**2. Term.** A conditional certificate is issued for a 3-year period and may not be renewed.  
[PL 2017, c. 235, §11 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]

**3. Employment.** A school administrative unit may employ a conditionally certified individual who is in the process of becoming professionally certified notwithstanding the availability of professionally certified teachers or educational specialists.  
[PL 2017, c. 235, §11 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]

**4. Requirements.** A school administrative unit may not employ a conditionally certified teacher or educational specialist unless it has a locally designed peer support and mentoring system as described in section 13015-A. For a conditional certificate issued under subsection 1, paragraph A or B, the school administrative unit shall for at least the first 2 years of employment, or longer if determined to be necessary, and, for a conditional certificate issued under subsection 1, paragraph C, the school administrative unit shall for at least the first year of employment, or longer if determined to be necessary:

A. Ensure that the conditionally certified teacher or educational specialist receives high-quality professional development that is sustained, intensive and classroom-focused in order to have a positive and lasting impact on classroom instruction while teaching; and [PL 2019, c. 518, §1 (AMD).]

B. Provide a program of intensive supervision for the conditionally certified teacher that consists of structured guidance and regular ongoing support or a mentoring program, which is separate from any student-teacher requirement that may be required under another authority. [PL 2017, c. 381, §14 (AMD).]  
[PL 2019, c. 518, §1 (AMD).]

**5. Program review.** The commissioner may conduct a program review of any program developed or administered by a school administrative unit to meet the requirements of subsection 4.  
[PL 2017, c. 235, §11 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2017, c. 235, §11 (NEW). PL 2017, c. 235, §41 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 381, §14 (AMD). PL 2019, c. 518, §1 (AMD).

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