

# NYSUT

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## COVID-19 Certification Information

Updated September 2020

# Application Deadline extended



The deadline to apply for the COVID-19 Emergency certificate is now:

**September 1, 2021.**

The state education department extended the deadline at the September 2020 Board of Regents meeting.

# The Emergency COVID-19 Certificate

The State Education Department originally created this certificate due to the lack of available testing sites for required NYS certification examinations.

Due to the on-going impact of the pandemic, the emergency certificate can still be obtained by applicants who meet the requirements.

# What does it do?

A COVID-19 certificate allows individuals to work in New York State public schools or districts for one year despite not having completed all required state exams.

During that year the missing exam(s) must be completed.

# The Emergency COVID-19 Certificate

Base requirement:

All the requirements for the certificate you want are complete **EXCEPT** for required certification exam(s).

# The Emergency COVID-19 Certificate

There is a deadline:

Application(s) for the COVID-19 certificate must be submitted via TEACH on or before **SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**.

# Applying for the COVID-19 Certificate:

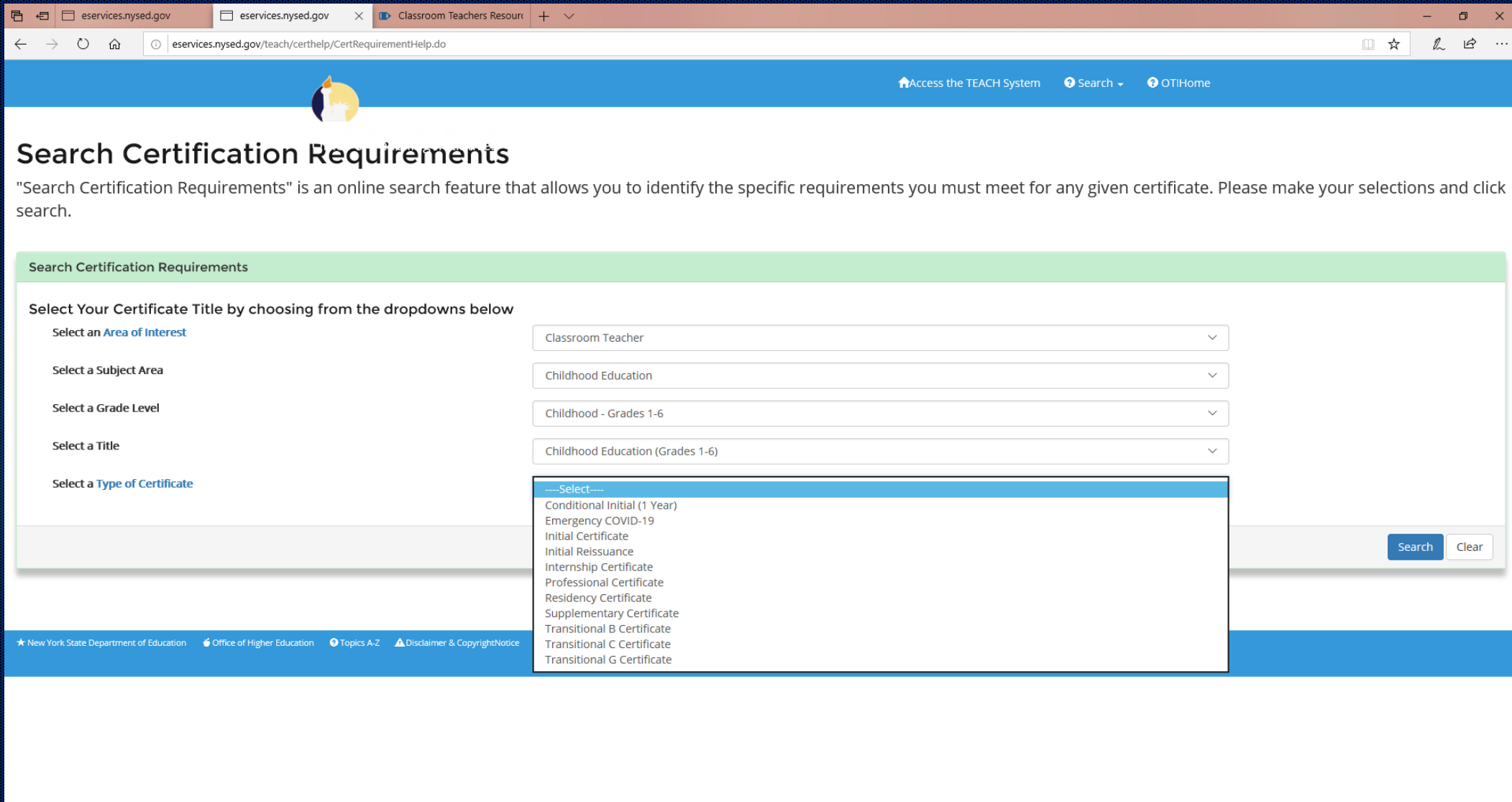
Apply for TWO certificates on TEACH:

(a) The certificate you want

**AND**

(b) The COVID-19 certificate in  
that same certificate title.

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/CertRequirementHelp.do`. The page title is "Search Certification Requirements". Below the title is a brief description: "Search Certification Requirements" is an online search feature that allows you to identify the specific requirements you must meet for any given certificate. Please make your selections and click search.

The main content area contains a form with the following fields:

- Select an **Area of Interest**: Classroom Teacher
- Select a **Subject Area**: Childhood Education
- Select a **Grade Level**: Childhood - Grades 1-6
- Select a **Title**: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
- Select a **Type of Certificate**: A dropdown menu is open, showing the following options:
  - Select---
  - Conditional Initial (1 Year)
  - Emergency COVID-19
  - Initial Certificate
  - Initial Reissuance
  - Internship Certificate
  - Professional Certificate
  - Residency Certificate
  - Supplementary Certificate
  - Transitional B Certificate
  - Transitional C Certificate
  - Transitional G Certificate

At the bottom right of the form, there are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. The footer of the page includes links for "New York State Department of Education", "Office of Higher Education", "Topics A-Z", and "Disclaimer & Copyright Notice".



# Applying for the COVID-19 Certificate:

## Fees:

- (a) The certificate you want - pay the fee
- (b) The COVID-19 certificate in that same certificate title - no fee

# Applying for the COVID-19 Certificate:

## The process:

- (1) The state will connect the two applications on TEACH.
- (2) If applicant meets all requirements less the exams, the COVID-19 certificate will be issued.
- (3) Once the missing exam is successfully completed, the non-COVID certificate will be issued.

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## Individuals who might be eligible:

- ▶ Complete or completed a registered NYS teacher or educational leadership preparation program leading to Initial or Professional certification, or a registered extension program, prior to the Fall 2020 term, including traditional programs and Transitional B, C, and D programs;
- ▶ Graduate or graduated from an acceptable out-of-state teacher or educational leadership preparation program prior to the Fall 2020 term;
- ▶ Seeking Initial or Professional teacher certification through the "Individual Evaluation" pathway;
- ▶ Seeking a Teaching Assistant certificate and have not passed the Assessment of Teaching Assistant Skills (ATAS);
- ▶ Seeking a Transitional A certificate (option B) or a Transitional B, C, or D certificate;
- ▶ Seeking an Initial Reissuance;
- ▶ Hold a valid New York State teacher certificate and are seeking an additional Initial or Professional teacher certificate, Supplementary certificate, or certain extensions.

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NYSUT Fact Sheet: [www.nysut.org/certification](http://www.nysut.org/certification)

State Education Department:

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/covid19-emergency.html>

Questions:

<https://www.nysut.org/resources/special-resources-sites/certification/contact>