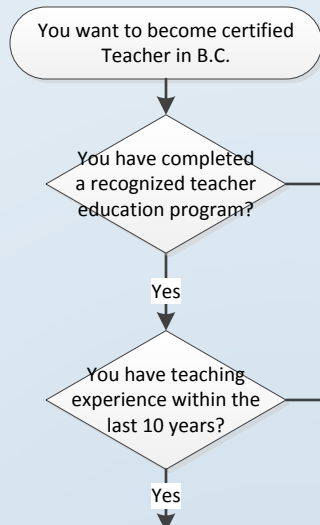


Steps that can be done before you arrive in British Columbia (B.C.), Canada

Steps that you have to take in British Columbia (B.C.), Canada



The B.C. Teacher Regulation Branch of the B.C. Ministry of Education requires you to have completed a 4 year post-secondary degree, a year and a half of teacher education training that includes a minimum 10 week practicum in a K-12 school. For a list of approved B.C. training institutions: <http://www.bcteacherregulation.ca/TeacherEducation/TeacherEducationOverview.aspx>.

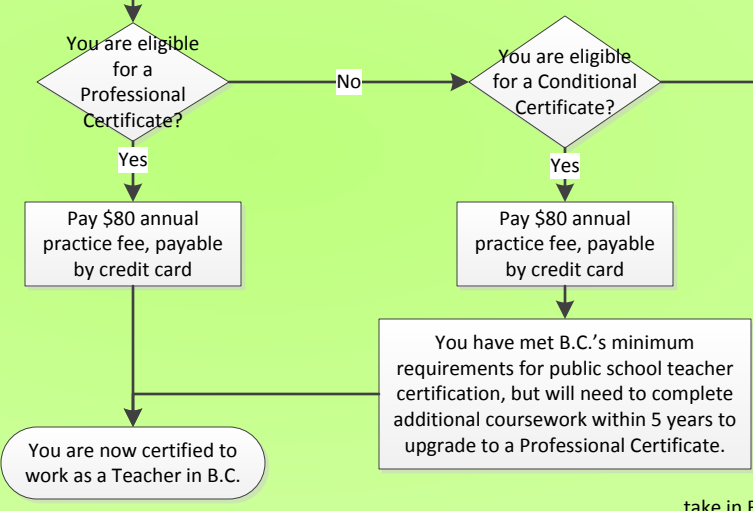
- Apply to become a Teacher through the B.C. Teacher Regulation Branch of the B.C. Ministry of Education. Review the country-specific information to see if there is a specific application form for the country where you completed your teacher education program: <http://www.bcteacherregulation.ca/Teacher/InternationalCountrySpecInfo.aspx>. Complete the application form, and submit all of the following with your application:
- Statement of Professional Standing letter from the certification body in the country where you completed your teacher's education stating you are a Teacher in good standing and that your teaching license has never been revoked, cancelled or suspended for any disciplinary reason. The Statement of Professional Standing must be mailed directly to the Teacher Regulation Branch.
 - If the jurisdiction where you completed your teacher education does not issue Statements of Professional Standing, you are able to submit a verified copy of your teaching certificate, degree or diploma
 - If the jurisdiction where you completed your teacher education does not issue Statements of Professional Standing, you will need to submit a Statement of Standing (in lieu) letter from the principal of the school where you last taught. The principal must answer the following questions: 1) Were there any concerns about your conduct or competence? 2) What were the details of your employment, including subjects and levels taught, dates of employment, and teaching load (full-time, part-time, teacher-on-call)? The letter must be signed, dated, written on school letterhead, and sent directly to us from the employer by mail, fax, or as a scanned email attachment.
 - A verified copy of your final secondary school diploma or certificate, or if this is not available, a letter from the secondary school stating when you completed your studies
 - Official transcripts from all post-secondary studies mailed directly from the institution to the Teacher Regulation Branch. If your transcripts do not show the degree or qualification you completed, you will also need to send a verified copy of your degree or qualification.
 - Verification of teaching experience from all employers from the last 10 years. Employers can use their own template, or they can complete the B.C. Teacher Regulation Branch's Verification of Employment form: http://www.bcteacherregulation.ca/documents/FormsandPublications/BecomeTeacher/MiscForms/app_ver_employ.pdf
 - Assessment form completed by the principal, vice-principal or supervisor of your most recent teaching experience http://www.bcteacherregulation.ca/documents/FormsandPublications/BecomeTeacher/MiscForms/app_assess.pdf
 - Confidential Character Reference for Authorization to Teach in B.C. forms completed by two references who have known you for at least two years http://www.bcteacherregulation.ca/documents/FormsandPublications/BecomeTeacher/MiscForms/app_conf_char_ref.pdf
 - To teach in B.C. you need to be able to read, write and speak English or French at an advanced level. If your first language was not English or French, you may be required to complete a Language proficiency exam. Your test results will be mailed to the Teacher Regulatory Branch directly from the testing agency. For more information on IELTS and TOEFL scores, see the application form.
 - Verified identification documents such as a copy of your birth certificate, marriage certificate or a notarized statutory declaration
 - Consent to a Criminal Record Check form
 - Application fee of \$395, payable by credit card on the application form
 - If the documents are not in English or French, they must be translated. To find a certified translator <http://stibc.org/page/directory.aspx>. For more information on the B.C. Teacher Regulation Branch's translation policy: <http://www.bcteacherregulation.ca/Teacher/TranslationPolicy.aspx>

You will need to upgrade your experience or credentials by completing some teacher education coursework and a related practicum before being eligible for a certificate

Once the Teacher Regulation Branch has received your application form and applicable fees they will review the file. At this time they will send you a letter called a T-Cert listing any documents that are missing

Once all documentation has been received, the Teacher Regulation Branch will evaluate your credentials and experience. You will be notified of your evaluation results by mail after approximately 6 to 8 weeks.

Note: This map describes the different paths to take to become a teacher in British Columbia (B.C.). It is intended to be read along with the Job Profile and Quiz Results. The path you will need to take depends on the type of training/education and work-related experience you currently have in this occupation. Please ensure that all the documents you submit are in English. The approximate time it will take to go through this path ranges from 6 to 8 months. This timeframe will vary depending on how quickly you complete the application form(s), write the exams, and take any required courses. The cost of qualification is approximately \$475. The fees listed may include tax. None of the fees include the cost of post-secondary education. Visit the B.C. Teaching Regulation Branch's website for the most up to date information [<http://www.bcteacherregulation.ca/Teacher/InternationalGraduates.aspx>].



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