

**State of Alaska
Division of Retirement & Benefits**

Teacher Certification

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Teacher Certification

- Alaska statute 14.25.220 (42) (a) defines a teacher or member as a certified full-time or part-time elementary or secondary teacher, a certified school nurse, or a certificated person in a position requiring a teaching certificate as a condition of employment in a public school of the state, the Department of Educations and Early Development, or the Department of Labor and Workforce development.



TRS Positions

- Full-time and part-time positions that require a certificate as a condition of employment must be enrolled in TRS.
- If the position does not require a certificate then the employee should not be enrolled in TRS.



Lapsed Certificates

- If there is no valid certificate then the teacher is not eligible to participate in the TRS.
- The regulation governing the grace period did not cover lapsed certificates.



Lapsed Certificates

- Prior to June 30, 2007, some teachers were allowed to participate in the TRS during a 90 day or 120 day grace period.
- These cases are reviewed on an individual basis to determine their eligibility to participate in the TRS.



TRS Verification

- Service verification requests should clearly show the period(s) of non-certificated time.
- If you have questions about a teacher's period(s) of non-certificated time please contact the Division.


