

Recertification Without Educator Evaluation in Response to COVID-19

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a Michigan certified teacher can recertify regardless of whether the teacher received an evaluation during the 2019-20 school year. Both the Standard Teaching Certificates and the Professional Teaching Certificates are renewable without evaluation ratings. This guidance supports the [progression requirements](#) and is important for individual teachers selecting to move to the next levels of Michigan certification, the Professional Teaching Certificate and Advanced Professional Teaching Certificate.

If your district did not submit an end-of-year evaluation for you, you will see “No Eval Emergency Order” reflected in your [Michigan Online Educator Certification System \(MOECS\)](#) evaluation tab. All educators who did not receive a rating for the 2019-20 school year were emailed this communication directly in July 2020.

School Year	District	Submission/Correction Date	Rating
2019 - 2020	School District Name	6/29/2020	No Eval Emergency Order
2018-2019	School District Name	6/28/2019	Effective
2017-2018	School District Name	6/27/2018	Effective

This communication will only be relevant when preparing to progress your certificate.

If you hold a Standard Teaching Certificate and want to renew:

- Evaluations are not required for renewal of a Standard Teaching Certificate. The absence of an evaluation does not affect licensure or recertification.
- To renew you must meet all of the requirements described in this document: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ProvCertRenewal_530866_7.pdf.

If you hold a Standard Teaching Certificate and want to progress to the Professional Teaching Certificate:

- You must have received three years of ratings, one of which may be a 2019-20 evaluation label of “No Eval Emergency Order.”
- To progress you must meet all of the requirements described in this document: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Progressing_to_Professional_Certificate_AFTER_7-1-2018_598717_7.PDF.

If you hold a Professional Teaching Certificate and want to renew:

- Evaluations are not required for renewal of a Professional Teaching Certificate. The absence of an evaluation does not affect licensure or recertification.

- To renew you must meet all of the requirements described in this document:
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ProfCertRenewal_530861_7.pdf.

If you hold a Professional Teaching Certificate and want to progress to the Advanced Professional Teaching Certificate:

- You must have received highly effective ratings for three out of the five most recent end-of-school-year annual evaluations, one of which may be a 2019-20 evaluation label of “No Eval Emergency Order.”
- To progress, you must meet all of the requirements described in this document:
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Advanced_Professional_Education_Certificate_532663_7.pdf.

If you hold an Advanced Professional Teaching Certificate and want to renew:

- You must have received highly effective ratings for three out of the five most recent end-of-school-year annual evaluations, one of which may be a 2019-20 evaluation label of “No Eval Emergency Order.”
- You must meet all of the following requirements described in this document:
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Advanced_Professional_Education_Certificate_Renewal_705492_7.pdf

For additional information on educator evaluations and ratings, please visit the [educator evaluations webpage](#) or email questions to MDE-EdEvals@Michigan.gov.

For additional information on progression and renewal of educator certificates, please visit the [certification guidance webpage](#) or email questions directly to MDE-EducatorHelp@Michigan.gov.

Guidance Documents:

- [Effectiveness Ratings Report: How to Read It \(in MOECS\)](#)
- [Action Required to Ensure Your State Evaluation Data is Accurate for Certificate Progression and Renewal](#)
- [Memorandum Regarding Effectiveness Ratings Resources](#) (September 1, 2016)