

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION NORTH CAROLINA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Teachers seeking financial assistance for the National Board Certification assessment fee are eligible if they:

- Are paid entirely from state funds
- Have completed three full years of teaching in the North Carolina Public Schools (This includes DOC, DHHS, Office of Juvenile Justice, and licensed public charter schools).
- Hold a clear, continuing North Carolina teaching license (Standard Professional II)
- Have not previously received state funds for participating in the NBPTS assessment (If a candidate received funding, withdrew from the process and fulfilled the payment obligation, he/she can be funded again.)
- Are engaged in direct classroom instruction, library/media or school counseling work 70% of the time over the course of the academic year.

If you do not meet the criteria listed above, please contact your local school system to determine if additional steps can be taken to qualify for the state loan. If you are a federally paid teacher, please contact:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Charter school teachers, eligible for NBC, are encouraged to check with their school administrator to determine if they are eligible for the 12% pay differential.
- Portfolio and standards information for all available certificate areas can be downloaded, free of charge, at any time. All teachers have the opportunity to review and study these materials before officially applying for state funding.
- All candidates who complete the NBPTS process are awarded a complete NC license renewal cycle. Please submit your score report to your LEA to document completion of the NBPTS process.
- North Carolina provides three days of professional leave for NBPTS candidates who are funded by the state loan. The candidate's immediate supervisor must approve all leave requested.
- When completing the NBPTS candidate application, North Carolina is considered a third party.

It is important for all candidates to give NBPTS permission to release his/her name to a third party to ensure their inclusion in various state-wide initiatives.