ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 290-3-2
TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

290-3-2-.19 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Approach.

(1) **Overview.** An individual who holds valid NBPTS certification may seek a Professional Educator Certificate.

(2) **Limitations on Issuance.** This approach is only available if the applicant's NBPTS certification is in an area, at a grade level, and at a degree level in which Alabama offers comparable certification.

(3) **Application.** Information about applications can be found in Rule 290-3-2-.02.

(4) **Requirements.**

(a) Successful completion of the Alabama Special Requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.02.

(b) Verification of the applicant's valid NBPTS certification.

(c) Verification of the applicant's valid Professional Educator or Professional Leadership Certificate.

(d) For the areas of library media or school counseling, verification of an earned master's or higher degree from a regionally accredited senior institution.

(e) For the areas of library media or school counseling, verification of one full year of full-time P-12 educational experience.

(5) **Degree Level.** The Professional Educator Certificate issued through this approach shall be issued at the Class B, A, or AA level based upon:

(a) The level of the applicant's highest earned degree from a regionally accredited senior institution in the area of the certificate to be issued; or

(b) The level of the applicant's highest earned degree from a regionally accredited senior institution in an education field.

(6) **Valid Period.** The valid period of the certificate shall be from the date of issuance through the remainder of the same scholastic year, and thereafter, for the next five consecutive scholastic years.

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