

# Application Guide for Teachers from Outside the United States

If you are a teacher from another country who has completed a teacher preparation program including student teaching outside the United States (U.S.), you may use that program to apply for a Michigan teaching certificate. You do not need to be a U.S. citizen or a Michigan resident to qualify for Michigan teacher certification.

To apply for a Michigan teaching certificate, you must use [Michigan Online Educator Certification System](#) (MOECS). On MOECS homepage under the heading "Educator Applicants," you will find instructions on [initial MOECS login and access](#).

If you do not have a U.S. social security number, you will need an identification number to apply. An identification number can be obtained by calling this office at 517-241-5000.

Michigan issues several [types of certificates](#). You will be applying for either the Standard Teaching Certificate or the Professional Teaching Certificate, an advanced-level certificate. Similar guidance on obtaining certification in Michigan can be found in the [out-of-state applicant guide](#). MOECS will determine which certificate you are applying for based on your answers to the application questions.

Once you have submitted your application, MOECS will send you an email that explains how to pay the \$210.00 application evaluation fee online using a debit or credit card. MOECS will also tell you how to print an application cover letter. The MOECS-generated cover letter will have a checklist of the documents you will need to provide and [instructions](#) on how to mail the documents to this office.

As a teacher prepared in another country, one of the documents you will have to provide is an original course-by-course evaluation report from a recognized evaluation service (unless you completed a teacher preparation program in Canada and hold a teaching certificate from Ontario, Newfoundland, Quebec or Saskatchewan). The course-by-course evaluation report converts your course work and degree(s) into U.S. standards.

We accept out-of-country credential reviews from currently endorsed members or members in good standing with either the [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#) or the [Association of International Credential Evaluators \(AICE\)](#).



Once your credentials have been evaluated and it has been determined you meet requirements for a Michigan teaching certificate, you will be emailed either an evaluation report that indicates the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) to receive your Michigan Standard Teaching Certificate or a notice that your Michigan Professional Teaching Certificate has been issued.

The [status of your application](#) can be viewed at any time using MOECS. MOECS also allows educators to utilize other [convenient features](#) relating to their certification, including printing a certificate.

Please note that if you experience difficulty accessing MOECS from a location outside of the U.S., additional support can be obtained by contacting [MDE-EducatorHelp@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-EducatorHelp@michigan.gov).