



## In the Know. . .

### RECIPROCIITY

In the past, reciprocity was a term used in education when a fully licensed educator moved to another state and requested a certificate in the new state. The person was usually granted the new certificate without any deficiencies.

Today the out of state certificate holder moving to Nebraska will usually receive a Nebraska certificate or permit with one or more deficiencies. Other than requiring that a person has completed an approved teacher education program in the other state, Nebraska also has requirements for a basic skills test, a content test, a human relations class, fingerprint cards and a special education class. Applicants are given a conditional for fingerprint clearance, a temporary for human relations class or a Provisional for basic skills test, content test or special education class.

What documents are required from an out of state applicant that has a valid (non-expired) certificate to gain a Nebraska certificate or permit?

- Application & fee completed online at [www.education.ne.gov/TCERT](http://www.education.ne.gov/TCERT)
- College transcripts that show completion of a teacher education program
- Institutional Verification Form completed by the college listing the teaching endorsement
- Completed fingerprint cards from the Nebraska State Patrol
- Basic skills test passed or 2 years of verified teaching employment on the employment verification form
- Content test completed for every teaching area that the applicant has requested be placed on their certificate

Nebraska does not recognize certificates or endorsement earned through testing only or Alternative Preparations Programs that are not approved

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