

## Applying for a cross-endorsement to your certificate

If you're having difficulty finding a teaching position, or simply want to move into teaching another subject area, you can, in most cases, add an endorsement to your teaching certificate. This would enable you to teach in more than one content area, which can help to make you more 'marketable.' Adding a cross endorsement is fairly straightforward for most 'academic' subject areas. The basic requirements are as follows:

1. hold a valid CT teaching certificate (any level - initial, provisional, professional);
2. have 30 credits in the subject area in which you seek the cross endorsement (some subjects have specific requirements, which you can read about in the [CT Certification Regulations](#));
3. take and pass the Praxis II exam(s) in the subject area (find out which exams are required in CT via the [Praxis web site](#)).

Once you've met the requirements, applying for the cross endorsement is easy:

1. Complete form **ED 170**, General Application for Certificate, pages 1 & 2. You can download the form from the SDE web site (<http://www.state.ct.us/sde/dtl/cert/toccert.htm>). The directions for applying are included with the form.
2. Have the university or college at which you completed the necessary coursework send an official transcript of your work directly to the State Department of Education.
3. Have the Praxis exam scores sent directly to the SDE (you can instruct ETS where to send the scores when you take the exams).
4. Obtain a bank check or money order for \$50 to cover the fee for the cross endorsement.
5. Send the application form and \$50 to the address at the top of the form. The State Department of Education will process your application, and upon approval, add the endorsement to your certificate.