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## **How much does National Board certification cost?**

There are four components of the National Board certification process. Each of these four components costs \$475, which totals \$1,900. There is also a \$75 registration fee.

## **How many hours does the National Board certification process take?**

The process for initial National Board certification takes between 250 and 400 hours.

## **How long does National Board certification remain valid?**

At present, National Board certification is valid for ten years.

Beginning with educators who will be awarded National Board certification in 2021, National Board certification will be valid for five years instead of ten years. This change is part of an updated process, "Maintenance of Certification," that will soon be adopted.

## **What is the process for renewing National Board certification?**

The current process for renewal, called "Certification Renewal," centers on submitting a "Profile of Professional Growth." The Profile of Professional Growth consists of three components (which include video recordings and written work) and also a reflection.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is currently developing "a simplified and less expensive" National Board certification renewal process, called Maintenance of Certification, that will replace the Certification Renewal system.

The specifics of the Maintenance of Certification process have not been released, but Maintenance of Certification will have fewer components than Certification Renewal.

**How much does the renewal of National Board certification cost?**

Under the current Certification Renewal process, the cost of renewal is \$1,250.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has not announced the cost of the Maintenance of Certification process, but they confirmed “that the fee for Maintenance of Certification will be significantly less expensive than the fee for [Certification Renewal].”

**How many hours does the renewal process for National Board certification take?**

The current Certification Renewal process takes between 30 and 40 hours.

**Is the cost of National Board certification tax deductible under federal tax law?**

The cost of certification is not tax deductible, according to Ellen Sherratt, Vice-President for Policy and Research at the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

**Additional resources:**

[Renewal at a Glance](#) and [Maintenance of Certification Questions & Answers](#).