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Good afternoon, Sarah and Tammy – HB 147 had a hearing in House Labor and Commerce on February 2. Please see responses from the Department for the follow-up questions asked by Committee members. I hope this helps; please let me know if you have any questions.

1. Representative Wright requested the cost of a full professional certificate and the cost of a Retired Teacher Certificate at approximately 3:32pm.

Recent legislation changed the requirement for full professional licensure renewal from 6 Graduate level credits to 6 Graduate level credits OR 6 Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Due to this change, the overall costs of renewal may be lower than in previous years. Please see the table for a cost comparison between the Professional Teacher Certificate **Renewal** and the Lifetime Retired Teacher Certificate. Note: These costs are estimates and will depend on the local costs for obtaining credits, CEUs, and fingerprinting cards.

Requirements	Professional Teacher Certificate Renewal	Lifetime Retired Teacher Certificate
6 Semester hours of college/university coursework OR 6 Continuing Education Units (CEUs)	From \$0. (district or DEED provided CEUs) to \$3,234 (6 UA Graduate Credits at Alaska Resident rate of \$539/credit)	N/A
Application Fee	\$200	\$240
Background Check Fee	\$60	\$60
Mandatory Trainings	\$0 Available through DEED eLearning	\$0 Available through DEED eLearning
Fingerprinting Fees	~\$25-\$50 Varies by location	~\$0-\$50 Varies by location and may be waived if a fingerprint clearance is already on file with DEED
Renewal timeline	Every 5 Years	Once approved, does not need to be renewed
Total Cost	From \$285 up to \$3,544	From \$300 up to \$350

The Professional Teacher Certification **Renewal** requirements checklist can be found under the Teaching Certificates Tab [HERE](#)

The Retired/Lifetime Teacher Certification requirements checklist can be found [HERE](#)

2. Representative Prax requested the requirements to receive a Lifetime Retired Teacher Certificate.

To qualify for the Retired / Lifetime certificate, a person needs to:

- Retire from a certified Alaska teaching position and be eligible for benefits under Alaska’s Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS).
- Possess a valid Alaska Teaching, Administrative, or Special Services certificate at the time of your retirement.
- Have at least three years of work experience in at least one endorsement area.
- Complete the four Mandatory Trainings within the previous five years. More information is available on the [Mandatory Training page](#) (<https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/mandatorytraining.html>) of the Teacher Certification website.

See the Retired/Lifetime Teacher Certification requirements checklist (link above) for more details.

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