



# West Virginia DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## Office of Certification

### Initial Alternative Teaching Application Form 20WV

### Candidate User Guide

The Office of Certification created this user guide to provide detailed instructions for candidates to apply for an initial teaching certificate after completion of an approved preparation program at an accredited IHE inside of West Virginia through the WVEAP online system.

## Certification Registration

Each candidate must first register with the Certification Portal to connect their certification records with their Single Signon Account (SSO)/Webtop Account. A Webtop account (SSO) is assigned to all full-time county school employees. If the candidate is not a full-time employee, please follow the steps below to create one.

The registration process will assist the candidate in creating the candidate SSO account. A valid email address is required when creating an SSO account. Candidates who are currently employed in a WV School System should already have a SSO account/Webtop account through their district. Candidates will need the SSO username and password to register and log in.

From the Certification Portal home page (<https://wveis.k12.wv.us/certportal/>), click the “Register” button to start the certification portal registration process.



The screenshot shows the West Virginia Department of Education Certification Portal. At the top is a dark blue header with the state seal and the text "West Virginia DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION". Below this is a light blue box titled "Certification Portal" containing three buttons: "LOGIN", "REGISTER", and "WEBTOP PROFILE". Below the buttons is another light blue box titled "Registration Notice" which contains text about the registration process and links to "User Guides & How To Videos", including "User Guides for Applicants and Approvers" and "Certification Portal User Registration Video".

The registration process will ask the candidate several questions to determine if the candidate has a West Virginia Department of Education certification record. If the candidate is not in the system, the process will assist the candidate in creating the candidate certification record. If the system locates certification records for the candidate, it will display basic account information for verification.

The last step in the registration process is to either create an SSO user account or locate the candidate current SSO Account.

Once the candidate has completed the registration process the candidate can log into the Certification Portal and submit the candidate application.



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**EDUCATION**

**Certification Portal Registration**

**Applicant Registration**

Applicants who are applying for certification in West Virginia must first complete this Certification Portal Registration process to establish your user account.

Start Portal Registration

**\*\*\* Important Message \*\*\***  
**Certification Approvers**

Certification Approvers who need access to approve applications need to contact the Office of Certification to create an account or grant access to your Webtop/SSO account.

Once the candidate has completed the registration process the candidate can log into the Certification Portal and submit the candidate application.

## WVDE Authentication Portal

### SSO Login

The application **Certification Portal** is asking you to log in with your SSO username or email address.

User Name or Email:

Password:

Submit

[Forgot user name and/or password?](#)

The Candidate Dashboard consists of two sections, Applications and Credentials.

## Applications

[View Recent Application History](#)

## Credentials

## Creating the Application

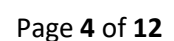
# Applications

2 Active Applications.

Application Type	Date Submitted ^	Date Resolved ^	Status	Holds
Form 20T Original Teacher	07/20/2016		1 <div></div> Send Back	<div></div> <div>View</div>
Form 20T Original Teacher	08/18/2016		1 2 <div></div> Pending Institution	<div></div> <div>View</div>

View Recent Application History

Create New Application



### Select Apply for Licensure under Choose Action

## Choose Your Application

I want to...

Choose Action

Choose Action

Apply for Licensure

Add an Additional Endorsement to my Teaching, Student Support, Administrative, or Substitute Certificate

Apply for Advance Degree/Salary or NBPTS

### Select TEACHER under License Type

Please choose license type

Choose License Type

Choose License Type

Teacher

Administrator

Student Support

Substitute

Paraprofessional

Community Program

Coach or Athletic Training

### Select INITIAL ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATE

wish to apply for...

Alternative Certification

Choose Credential Type

Alternative Certification

Initial Teaching Certificate

Clinical Teacher of Record Permit

Clinical Experience Permit

First Class Full-Time Permit

### Select FORM 20WV—OPTION 4 FOR WVDE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

I am applying...

Choose Certification Status

Choose Certification Status

Form 25 – Option 2 County Alternative Certification

Form 20B – Option 3 Pathway

Form 20WV – Option 4 WVDE Alternative Certification

### Select THE CANDIDATE'S UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP STATUS

U.S. Citizenship

Are you a U.S. Citizen? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If the candidate is not a United States Citizen, the candidate must provide documentation of the candidate's ability to work in the United States under Supporting Documents in this application.

U.S. Citizenship

Are you a U.S. Citizen? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Documentation Required

Please submit proof of a valid Permanent Resident Card, Employment Authorization Document (EAD), or work permit issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to the Certification Services. Documents can be uploaded and attached to this application in the Support Document Section.

## Click **START APPLICATION TO START THE FORM 20WV FOR THE INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE**

Start Application

Form 20WV - WVDE Alternative Pathway (Option #4) - Professional Teaching Certificate

Use this form when applying for WVDE Alternative Pathway (Option #4).  
This professional certificate may be issued to an individual who has completed a WVDE Alternative Certification program (non-IHE) and meets all WVBE Policy 5202 requirements

Start Application



## Click **EDIT TO EDIT ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION THAT IS INCORRECT OR REQUEST A NAME CHANGE**

Form 20WV - WVDE Alternative Pathway (Option #4) - Professional Teaching Certificate

Applicant Information

First Name	Brad	*Primary Phone	3045587010	<div>Edit</div>
Last Name	Test	Secondary Phone		
Middle Initial		*Email	brad.test@takarsh.com	
Previous Last Name		*Street Address	One Herd Way	
Gender	M	Street Address 2		
US Citizen	Yes	*City	Huntington	
Certification ID	T3B140400141	*State	WV	
US Veteran	No	*Zip Code	25701	
		*Country	United States	

☐ Request Name Change



**Answer YES OR NO TO EACH LEGAL DISCLOSURE QUESTIONS**

Candidates are required to report all background information even if the disclosure was mailed to the WVDE as part of a previous submission.

Legal Disclosures

You must click "Yes" or "No" to every question prior to submitting your application. If you answer "Yes", please complete the required fields and upload supporting documentation if applicable.

Question 1

NoYes

Have you ever had adverse action taken against any application, certificate, or license in any state? Adverse action includes but is not limited to the following: letter of warning, reprimand, denial, suspension, revocation, voluntary surrender or cancellation.

Question 2

NoYes

Have you ever been disciplined, reprimanded, suspended, or discharged from any employment because of allegations of misconduct?

Question 3

NoYes

Have you ever resigned, entered into a settlement agreement, left employment as a result of alleged misconduct, or otherwise left employment while allegations of misconduct were pending?

Question 4

NoYes

Is any action now pending against you for alleged misconduct in any school district, court, or before any educator licensing agency?

Question 5

NoYes

Have you ever been arrested, charged with, convicted of or are currently under indictment for a felony?

Question 6

NoYes

Have you ever been arrested, charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor? (For the purpose of this application, minor traffic violations should not be reported.) Charges or convictions for driving while intoxicated (DWI) or driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs (DUI) must be reported.

Selecting **“Yes”** requires the candidate, the candidate, to complete a series of questions regarding the legal disclosure.

Question 1

NoYes

Have you ever had adverse action taken against any application, certificate, or license in any state? Adverse action includes but is not limited to the following: letter of warning, reprimand, denial, suspension, revocation, voluntary surrender or cancellation.

Add New Disclosure

Occurrence Date

Title

Narrative

☒ Please check box if this legal disclosure was previously reported using a paper form and mailed to the WVDE.

Supporting Files

Select files...

Add Disclosure

The example legal disclosure shows **Yes** for Question 1. The Occurrence Date, Title, Narrative, Previously Reported and Supporting Files are required in order to add the disclosure.

if the disclosure was previously reported to the WVDE prior to the new online system becoming available, the information will need to be entered again. Previously reported legal disclosures do not require supporting files to be uploaded, however, the candidate must provide a brief narrative. If the

disclosure was not previously reported, the candidate **must** upload all applicable documentation.

Clicking the [Select files...](#) button allows the candidate to upload documentation which will be submitted to the WVDE along with the remainder of the application.

Once all the information has been entered and files are uploaded, click the [Add Disclosure](#) button to add the legal disclosure.

Once added, the candidate will see the [View Disclosure Details](#) button allowing the candidate to view and edit the legal disclosure prior to submitting for approval.

Question 1 Why can't I change my answer? [No](#) [Yes](#)

Have you ever had adverse action taken against any application, certificate, or license in any state? Adverse action includes but is not limited to the following: letter of warning, reprimand, denial, suspension, revocation, voluntary surrender or cancellation.

[View Disclosure Details](#)

The candidate may not edit or delete a legal disclosure once it has been submitted for approval.

Question 1 Why can't I change my answer? [No](#) [Yes](#)

Have you ever had adverse action taken against any application, certificate, or license in any state? Adverse action includes but is not limited to the following: letter of warning, reprimand, denial, suspension, revocation, voluntary surrender or cancellation.

[View Disclosure Details](#)

Date ^	Title	Previously Disclosed ⓘ	Status
Jan 2016	Short description of adverse action goes here	No	No <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>

[Add New Disclosure](#)



## Select WVDE ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM BELOW

WVDE Alternative Certification Preparation Program

Select the EMPLOYING COUNTY IF THE CANDIDATE IS EMPLOYED IN ANY MANNER OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, MULTI-COUNTY CTE CENTER, WVSDT, WVSDDB, MSESC, EPIC, OR THE DIOCESE OF WHEELING/CHARLESTON IN WEST VIRGINIA

### County Information

Are you employed or have you been employed by a WV school system in the last 12 months?

**County**

Select County

Candidates not employed in any manner of a public school district, multi-county CTE center, WVSDT, WVSDDB, MSESC, EPIC, or the Diocese of Wheeling/Charleston in West Virginia will select I am not currently employed in the last 12 months with any of the school systems listed.

### County Information

Please select the WV public school system, Multi-County Career and Technical Education Center, Office of Diversion and Transition Programs (ODTP), WV School for Deaf/Blind, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or WVDE in which you are currently employed or have been employed withing the past months.

**County**

I am not currently nor have been employed in the last 12 months with any of the school systems listed.

## Upload SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF THE IHE HAS REQUIRED THE CANDIDATE TO SUBMIT ANY DOCUMENTS AS PART OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Candidates are not legally permitted to upload official academic transcripts.

### Supporting Documents

Not all supporting documents listed are required for every application. For example, if you are being recommended by a county school system, college/university, or other entity of employment, you are not required to submit a form 4B.

If transcripts are a requirement for this application, transcripts may be sent to the county certification officer to be uploaded with your application or sent to WVDE Certification Services from the college or university. If the college/university provides the option of e-scripts, your transcripts can be electronically sent to [cert.transcripts.wvde@k12.wv.us](mailto:cert.transcripts.wvde@k12.wv.us). Original seal-bearing transcripts are to be mailed directly or e-scripted to WVDE Certification Services or submitted to the county/entity of employment to be uploaded with your application.

Please upload only those documents that are required to process your application.

**Document Type**

Choose One

Choose One

Citizenship Documentation

Form 25WV - Comprehensive Evaluation Report

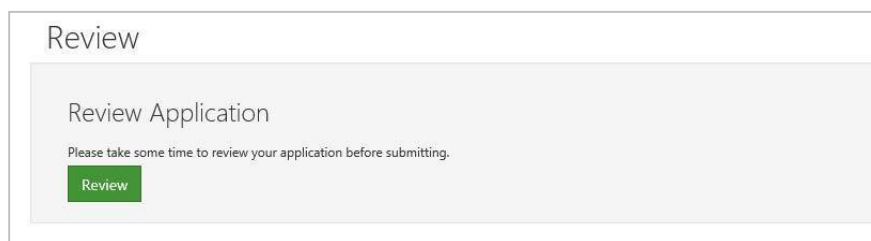
Form 4B

Form 7

Name Change Documentation

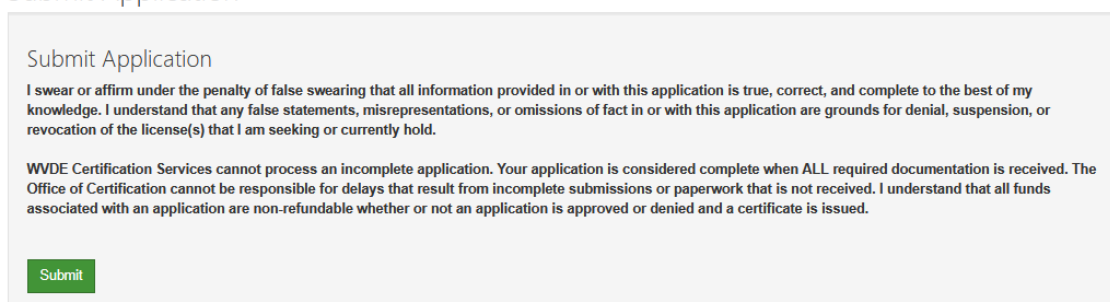
No Supporting Documents

**Click THE REVIEW BUTTON TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION AND MAKE ANY NEEDED CHANGES PRIOR TO SUBMITTING FOR APPROVAL.**

A screenshot of a web application titled "Review". It contains a sub-header "Review Application" and a message: "Please take some time to review your application before submitting." Below the message is a green button labeled "Review".

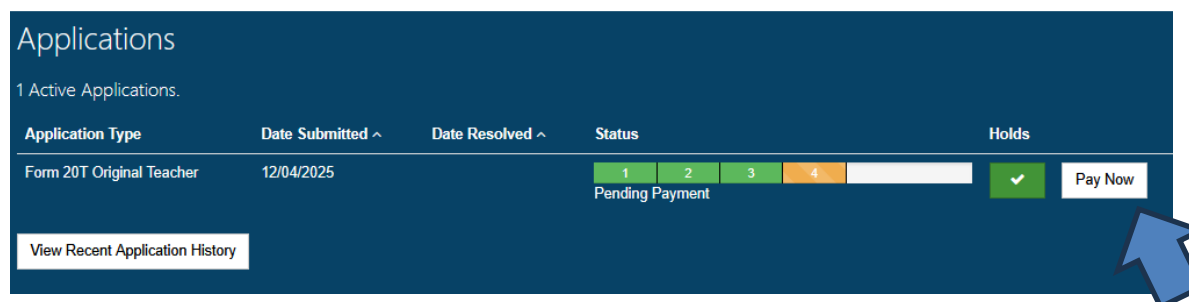
**Click SUBMIT ONCE THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN REVIEWED TO MOVE THE APPLICATION TO THE IHE FOR THE NEXT STEP**

### Submit Application

A screenshot of a web application titled "Submit Application". It contains a paragraph of text: "I swear or affirm under the penalty of false swearing that all information provided in or with this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements, misrepresentations, or omissions of fact in or with this application are grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of the license(s) that I am seeking or currently hold." Below this is another paragraph: "WVDE Certification Services cannot process an incomplete application. Your application is considered complete when ALL required documentation is received. The Office of Certification cannot be responsible for delays that result from incomplete submissions or paperwork that is not received. I understand that all funds associated with an application are non-refundable whether or not an application is approved or denied and a certificate is issued." At the bottom is a green button labeled "Submit".

After approval at the IHE and/or the county level, the candidate will receive an email the application has been approved. The candidate will log back into the on-line application at <https://wveis.k12.wv.us/certportal> to make the non-refundable processing fee payment.

**Click PAY NOW**

A screenshot of a web application titled "Applications". It shows "1 Active Applications." Below this is a table with columns: "Application Type", "Date Submitted ^", "Date Resolved ^", "Status", and "Holds". The table has one row: "Form 20T Original Teacher", "12/04/2025", "", "1 2 3 4 Pending Payment", and a green checkmark. Below the table is a button labeled "View Recent Application History". A blue arrow points to a "Pay Now" button in the "Holds" column.

If the application is rejected, the candidate will need to contact the entity that rejected the application for the reason the application was rejected.

Once the PAY NOW button is clicked, the screen will display the Application Cart and the candidate will see all payments required for on-line applications through the Office of Certification.

## Application Cart

Application Type ^	Date Submitted	Fee Amount	
Form 20T Original Teacher	12/04/2025	\$35.00	Remove
		Total: \$35.00	

Add Additional Application
Checkout

Click CHECK OUT



The Certification Payment screen will display to allow the candidate to enter the information for the payment.

**WVDE - Certification Payment**

Enter the required fields below then select the checkbox regarding the billing statement to continue to the payment information.

Payment Amount: **\$35.00**

Company:

First Name: Brad

Last Name: Test

☐ Outside of US

Address: One Herd Way

City: Huntington

State: WV

Zip Code: 25701

Phone: 3045587010

Email: brad.test@takarsh.com

☐ I understand that my billing statement will say WV State Treasury.

Cancel

Click THE BOX BESIDE I UNDERSTAND THAT MY BILLING STATEMENT WILL SAY WV STATE TREASURY

**WVDE - Certification Payment**

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Enter CARD NUMBER, EXPIRATION DATE, AND THE CVV NUMBER FROM THE BACK OF THE CARD

Click PAY

Card Holder Name:  If different than above



Card Number

Expiration Date

CVV



If the payment is successful a receipt will appear with the status reflecting OK and you may print the receipt for your records.