

APA-1
11/96

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 290 Department or Agency State Department of Education
Rule No. 290-3-2-.12

Rule Title: Career and Technical Alternative Baccalaureate-Level
Certificate (CT ABC) Approach: For Individuals Issued a First
CT ABC Beginning with the 2011-2012 Scholastic Year and
Thereafter

New Amend
Repeal Adopt by Reference (Check appropriate box)

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly
harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's
police power and the protection of the public health,
safety, or welfare? No

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation
available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or
indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services
involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the
public than the harm that might result from the absence
of the proposed rule? No


Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely
for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary
effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule does have an economic impact, the proposed rule is
required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with
subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full
compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of
Alabama, 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements
of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference
Service.



Thomas R. Bice
State Superintendent of Education

6/7/13

DATE

APA-2
11/96

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: State Department of Education

RULE NO. & TITLE: 290-3-2-.12 Career and Technical Alternative
Baccalaureate-Level Certificate (CT ABC) Approach: For
Individuals Issued a First CT ABC Beginning with the
2011-2012 Scholastic Year and Thereafter
290-3-2-.23 Specialty Area Career and Technical
Certificate in a Technical Education Program Area
Approach
290-3-2-.24 Specialty Area Career and Technical
Certificate in Health Science
290-3-2-.26 Career and Technical Education Temporary
Certificate

INTENDED ACTION: Amend Rules

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

- Change the valid period of the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate from three(3) years to (2) years;
- Require the Career and Technical Education Teacher Certificate Program (CTE TCP) instead of completing coursework for issuance of the Specialty Area 2 Certificate; and
- Allow individuals in the technical education program area of cosmetology or health science to hold a Career and Technical Temporary Certificate.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m., August 8, 2013, Auditorium, Plaza Level, Gordon Persons Building, 50 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama. All persons wishing to express their views should contact the State Superintendent of Education (334-242-9700) no later than July 30, 2013, in order to be scheduled on the agenda. All persons wishing to express their views in writing to the State Superintendent of Education should address all written comments to the State Superintendent of Education, Gordon Persons Building, P.O. Box 302101, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: August 8, 2013

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Dr. Phillip Cleveland
Alabama State Department of Education
P.O. Box 302101
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101
(334) 242-9111



Thomas R. Bice
State Superintendent of Education

290-3-2-.12 Career and Technical Alternative Baccalaureate-Level Certificate (CT ABC) Approach: For Individuals Issued a First CT ABC Beginning with the 2011-2012 Scholastic Year and Thereafter.

(1) **Overview of the CT ABC Approach.** A CT ABC allows a superintendent or administrator to employ an applicant full-time in a career and technical education teaching field while the applicant completes the requirements of the CT ABC approach to earning a Class B Professional Educator Certificate in that career and technical education teaching field. A CT ABC is available in most all career and technical education teaching fields. Complete applications for the CT ABC approach must be received in the Office no later than October 1 of the scholastic year for which they are requested.

(a) For all career and technical education teaching fields, the applicant must have at least an earned bachelor's degree with a minimum grade point average (GPA) overall of at least 2.5 from a regionally accredited senior institution. The GPA must be the official overall GPA as defined by the degree-granting institution and as posted on the official transcript of the degree-granting institution. An applicant who holds a valid Professional Educator Certificate or Professional Leadership Certificate is exempt from the GPA requirement.

(b) For career and technical education teaching fields other than health science, the applicant must have an academic major in the teaching field, acceptable coursework in the teaching field, or a passing score on the prescribed Praxis II subject assessment.

(c) For the career and technical education teaching field of health science, the applicant must have an active, Alabama license as a physician, registered nurse, or allied health specialist and a bachelor's or higher degree in the area of the active Alabama license.

(d) An applicant using the CT ABC approach must complete prescribed requirements for coursework, testing, and a criminal history background check as required by the Alabama Child Protection Act of 1999, as amended, and Rule 290-3-2-.02(9).

(e) The CT ABC approach requires three full years of full-time teaching experience in the teaching field while holding a valid CT ABC in no more than two public school systems and/or nonpublic schools within the four scholastic years from the July 1 beginning date of the first CT ABC.

(f) An individual must hold a valid certificate for all teaching fields to which he or she is assigned. An individual who holds only a valid CT ABC must be assigned only to the teaching field for which the CT ABC was issued. An individual who holds a valid CT ABC and a valid certificate in another teaching field or area of instructional support must be assigned to the area of the CT ABC for at least the majority of the day.

(g) The superintendent or administrator is required to monitor the applicant's compliance with the requirements of the CT ABC approach.

(h) An individual who has earned credit in more than five professional education courses prior to seeking alternative certification through the CT ABC approach may not be eligible for a first CT ABC. An individual who holds a Professional Educator Certificate or a professional certificate may be exempt from this five course limit. The state may refuse to issue a certificate for an individual who was enrolled in, but did not meet the requirements of, a teacher education program.

(i) Additional information about the CT ABC approach can be found on Supplement CT ABC.

(2) Grade Levels, Teaching Fields, and Resulting Professional Educator Certificate.

| | |
|---|---|
| CT ABC Grade Level | 6-12 |
| CT ABC Teaching Fields a | Only for teaching fields listed on Supplement CT ABC |
| Resulting Baccalaureate-Level Professional Educator Certificate | Class B Professional Educator Certificate (Grades 6-12) |

^aFirst, second, and third CT ABCs must be issued in the same teaching fields.

(3) Limitations on Issuance of Alternative Certificates.

(a) An individual may not be employed for more than three scholastic years on the basis of holding an Alternative Baccalaureate-Level Certificate, a Career and Technical Alternative Baccalaureate-Level Certificate, a Preliminary Certificate, a Special Alternative Certificate, an alternative-approach certificate issued by another state or issuing authority, or any combination thereof. An individual who has not completed all requirements for professional educator certification through this approach by the expiration date of the third CT ABC shall no longer be eligible for certification through the CT ABC approach. However, an individual who earns a Professional Educator Certificate or Professional Leadership Certificate in the area for which the alternative certificates were issued may be eligible to follow an alternative approach to earning a Professional Educator Certificate or Professional Leadership Certificate in another area.

(b) An ABC will not be issued to an individual who holds an expired Professional Educator Certificate in the same teaching field.

(4) Valid Period.

(a) A CT ABC is valid for one scholastic year (July 1 to June 30) and may be issued for up to two additional scholastic years for employment in no more than two public school systems and/or nonpublic schools.

(b) All three CT ABCs must be issued within the four scholastic years from the July 1 beginning date of the first CT ABC.

(5) Requirements for Issuance of a CT ABC. A CT ABC may be issued only when all requirements on Supplement CT ABC have been met.

(a) Requirements for the first CT ABC issued for the 2011-2012 scholastic year and thereafter:

1. A recommendation on Supplement CT ABC from a superintendent or administrator who wishes to employ the applicant full-time in the teaching field and at the grade level for which the first CT ABC is to be issued except as noted in Rule 290-3-2-.12(1)(f). The complete CT ABC application must be received in the Office no later than October 1 of the scholastic year for which the first CT ABC is requested.

2. Verification on an official transcript of at least an earned bachelor's degree with a minimum grade point average (GPA) overall of at least 2.5 from a regionally accredited senior institution earned prior to September 1 of the scholastic year for which the first CT ABC is requested. An applicant who holds a valid Professional Educator Certificate or Professional Leadership Certificate is exempt from the GPA requirement. Additional information is in Rule 290-3-2-.12(1)(a).

3. Verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments and the prescribed Praxis II subject assessment of the Alabama Prospective Teacher Testing Program (APTTP) on test administration dates prior to September 1 of the scholastic year for which the first CT ABC is requested. Additional information is in Rule 290-3-2-.01(6).

4. For career and technical education teaching fields other than health science, and for teaching fields in which no Praxis II subject assessment is currently adopted and prescribed, verification of one of the following options earned prior to September 1 of the scholastic year for which the first CT ABC is requested:

(i) Verification on an official transcript from a regionally accredited senior institution of an academic major in the teaching field. The State Director of Career and Technical Education will verify the academic major.

(ii) Verification on an official transcript(s) from a regionally accredited institution of 32 semester hours appropriate to the teaching field including at least 19 semester hours of upper-division credit (e.g., technical education). The State Director of Career and Technical Education will evaluate the transcript(s) to determine if the courses satisfy the necessary knowledge needed to teach the content standards in the teaching field for which the Professional Educator Certificate will be sought.

5. For the career and technical education teaching field of health science, verification of all of the following earned prior to September 1 of the scholastic year for which the first CT ABC is requested:

(i) Verification of an active, Alabama license as a physician, registered nurse, or allied health specialist.

(ii) Verification on an official transcript from a regionally accredited senior institution of an earned bachelor's or higher degree in the area of the active, Alabama license.

6. For the career and technical education teaching field in a program area of technical education, verification by the State Director of Career and Technical Education of a passing score attained prior to September 1 of the scholastic year for which the first CT ABC will be issued on a State Board of Education-approved occupational proficiency assessment (test score, license, or credential) in the technical education program area for which the certificate is sought. Information on the approved occupational proficiency assessments can be obtained from the State Director of Career and Technical Education.

7. A criminal history background check as required by the Alabama Child Protection Act of 1999, as amended, and Rule 290-3-2-.02(9).

8. An assigned mentor as required in Rule 290-3-2-.01(35).

(b) Requirements for the second CT ABC for individuals issued a first CT ABC for the 2011-2012 scholastic year and thereafter:

1. A recommendation on Supplement CT ABC from a superintendent or administrator who wishes to employ the applicant full-time in the teaching field and at the grade level for which the second CT ABC is to be issued except as noted in Rule 290-3-2-.12(1)(f). The complete CT ABC application must be received in the Office no later than October 1 of the scholastic year for which issuance of the second CT ABC certificate is requested. Additional information is in Rule 290-3-2-.12(2).

2. Verification on Supplement EXP of a full year of full-time teaching experience in the area and at the grade level for which the first CT ABC was issued while holding the first CT ABC except as noted in Rule 290-3-2-.12(1)(f).

3. Verification of a current passing score attained on the prescribed Praxis II subject assessment of the Alabama Prospective Teacher Testing Program (APTTP). This requirement becomes effective upon adoption by the Alabama State Board of Education of a newly prescribed subject assessment. This requirement also becomes effective upon adoption by the Alabama State Board of Education of an increased minimum passing score on an existing prescribed subject assessment. The date by which these requirements must be met will be prescribed by the Alabama Department of Education. Additional information is in Rule 290-3-2-.01(6).

4. Official transcript(s) verifying credit earned from an Alabama regionally accredited senior institution for at least two of the four courses as required on Supplement CT ABC, with a grade of "C" or above in each course from the approved listings available at www.alsde.edu or the Office. The credit must be earned prior to September 1 of the scholastic year for which the second CT ABC is to be issued. Additional information is in Rule 290-3-2-.12(6).

(i) No component of the Career and Technical Education Teacher Certification Program (CTE TCP), required for the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate, may be used to meet this requirement.

5. An assigned mentor as required in Rule 290-3-2-.01(35).

6. Completion of the appropriate Alabama Department of Education-approved New Teacher Institute or the New Teacher Institute component of the CTE TCP prior to September 1 of the scholastic year for which the second CT ABC is to be issued. Additional information may be obtained from the State Director of Career and Technical Education.

7. For the career and technical education teaching field of health science, verification of an active, Alabama license as a physician, registered nurse, or allied health specialist earned prior to September 1 of the scholastic year for which the certificate is to be issued.

(c) Requirements for a third CT ABC for individuals issued a first CT ABC for the 2011-2012 scholastic year and thereafter:

1. A recommendation on Supplement CT ABC from a superintendent or administrator who wishes to employ the applicant full-time in the same teaching field and grade level for which the third CT ABC is to be issued except as noted in Rule 290-3-2-.12(1)(f). The complete CT ABC application must be received in the Office no later than October 1 of the scholastic year for which issuance of the third CT ABC is requested. Additional information is in Rule 290-3-2-.12(2).

2. Verification on Supplement EXP of a full year of full-time teaching experience in the teaching field and at the grade level for which the second CT ABC was issued while holding the second CT ABC except as noted in Rule 290-3-2-.12(1)(f).

3. Verification of a current passing score attained on the prescribed Praxis II subject assessment of the Alabama Prospective Teacher Testing Program (APTTP). This requirement becomes effective upon adoption by the Alabama State Board of Education of a newly prescribed subject assessment. This requirement also becomes effective upon adoption by the Alabama State Board of Education of an increased minimum passing score on an existing prescribed subject assessment. The date by which these requirements must be met will be prescribed by the Alabama Department of Education. Additional information is in Rule 290-3-2-.01(6).

4. Official transcript(s) verifying credit earned from an Alabama regionally accredited senior institution in each of the remaining two courses as required on Supplement CT ABC, with a grade of "C" or above in each course from the approved listings available at www.alsde.edu or the Office. The credit must be earned prior to September 1 of the scholastic year for which the third CT ABC is to be issued. Additional information is in Rule 290-3-2-.12(6).

(i) No component of the Career and Technical Education Teacher Certification Program (CTE TCP), required for the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate, may be used to meet this requirement.

5. An assigned mentor as required in Rule 290-3-2-.01(35).

6. For the career and technical education teaching field of health science, verification of an active, Alabama license as a physician, registered nurse, or allied health specialist earned prior to September 1 of the scholastic year for which the certificate is to be issued.

(6) Course Requirements.

(a) An applicant pursuing certification through the CT ABC approach must complete no more than 12 semester hours of approved coursework. This coursework must be completed within each of the categories required on Supplement CT ABC. The credit must be earned with a grade of “C” or above in each course as verified on official transcript(s) from a regionally accredited senior institution.

(b) Coursework must be earned only from Alabama regionally accredited senior institutions. A list of approved courses is available at www.alsde.edu or from the Office.

(c) Coursework applied for completion of the CT ABC approach cannot later be applied to meet coursework requirements for a State-approved Class A program in any area.

(d) No component of the Career and Technical Education Teacher Certification Program (CTE TCP), required for the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate, may be used to meet this requirement.

(7) Application for the Professional Educator Certificate. The appropriate Class B Professional Educator Certificate may be issued through the CT ABC approach when the applicant has met all requirements of the first, second, and third CT ABCs and all of the following requirements:

(a) Verification on Supplement EXP of a full year of full-time teaching experience in the teaching field and at the grade level for which the third CT ABC was issued while holding the third CT ABC except as noted in Rule 290-3-2-.12(1)(f).

(b) Verification of a current passing score attained on the prescribed Praxis II subject assessment of the Alabama Prospective Teacher Testing Program (APTTP). This requirement becomes effective upon adoption by the Alabama State Board of Education of a newly prescribed subject assessment. This requirement also becomes effective upon adoption by the Alabama State Board of Education of an increased minimum passing score on an existing prescribed subject assessment. The date by which these requirements must be met will be prescribed by the Alabama Department of Education. Additional information is in Rule 290-3-2-.01(6).

(c) For the career and technical education teaching field of health science, verification of an active, Alabama license as a physician, registered nurse, or allied health specialist earned prior to September 1 of the year of expiration of the third CT ABC.

(d) Submission of an application for certification on Form APP. The complete application must be received in the Office no later than October 1 of the year of expiration of the third CT ABC. An individual who does not apply by this date may forfeit the right to seek a Professional Educator Certificate through this approach.

Author: Dr. Joseph B. Morton.

Statutory Authority: Ala. Const. Amend. 284, Ala. Code §§16-3-11, 16-23-1 and 16-23-2 (1975).

History: Adopted new, 8-4-08, effective 9-18-08; amended 7-13-10, effective 8-17-10; repealed and adopted new 12-9-10, effective 1-14-11; emergency Rule to amend filed 6-13-13; amended Rule adopted 8-8-13; effective 9-12-13.