# **Public School Teachers** Pathway to Registration for Internationally Educated **Professionals (IEP) in New Brunswick**

Public School Teachers are regulated professionals in New Brunswick (NB). To practise, you must hold an interim or permanent teacher's certificate issued by the Office of Teacher Certification within the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD), the regulatory authority.

Elementary school and kindergarten teachers teach basic subjects such as reading, writing and arithmetic or specialized subjects such as English or French as a second language at elementary schools. Secondary school teachers prepare and teach academic, technical, vocational or specialized subjects at secondary schools.<sup>1</sup>

For work opportunities and other information, visit <u>NBiobs.ca</u> and search for Teachers.

# STEPS TO REGISTRATION

### **PART 1: COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT**

Step 1 - Academic Credentials: The minimum Canadian education requirement to be certified in NB is a bachelor's degree with specific pedagogy and teachable subject requirements. All IEPs must demonstrate equivalency via the Pathways to Teach Canada portal. Start by completing an online guestionnaire to assess eligibility, then create an account in the portal. Request a credential assessment (and, if needed, a language assessment—see Step 2), select New Brunswick/EECD as the regulatory jurisdiction, and pay the applicable fees. Credential assessments are handled by World Education Services (WES) via the Pathways portal. You must upload all required documentation<sup>2</sup> to the WES website. Results will be made available in the portal and you can submit a copy to EECD as the regulatory body. For current fees, click here.

Step 2 - Language Proficiency: Proficiency in English or French<sup>3</sup> is required. If your teacher education program was completed entirely in French or English, you are exempt from testing. Others must complete the Language Competency Assessment for the Teaching Profession (LCATP), available via the Pathways portal. The online test is offered four times monthly over a 24-hour period, and practice tests are available. Unlimited retakes are allowed with re-registration and fee payment. Results are automatically uploaded to the Pathways portal and sent to EECD. For current fees, click here.

#### **PART 2: REGISTRATION WITH THE NEW BRUNSWICK REGULATORY BODY**

Step 3 - Interim Teaching Certificate: After completing the credential and language assessments, apply for an Interim Teacher's Certificate by submitting Form C with the required documents listed in the application. The EECD Office of Teacher Certification will review your application and provide feedback. Successful applicants who are authorized to work in Canada will receive an Interim Teacher's Certificate. Successful applicants who do not have authorization to work in Canada will receive an eligibility letter. Unsuccessful applicants will receive a letter explaining how to meet certification requirements. They may also apply for a Local Teaching Permit (LTP) with their local school district to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> National Occupational Classification definitions for <u>Elementary school and kindergarten teachers</u> and <u>Secondary school teachers</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All documentation must be officially translated into English or French.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> English and French are the official languages of New Brunswick.

supply teach while they work toward achieving certification. After two years teaching in New Brunswick K-12 public schools with an Interim Teaching Certificate, candidates may be eligible for a Permanent Teaching Certificate. For the current application fee, refer to Form C.

**If you're in New Brunswick:** Contact a <u>WorkingNB office</u> for help navigating the registration process and to access employment counselling services.

# **REGISTRATION COSTS AND TIMELINE<sup>4</sup>**

The total fees to receive an Interim Teaching Certificate can vary depending on the need to address any deficiencies identified during the credential assessment, the need to take the LCATP, and any retakes. Candidates who received a successful credential assessment and require only one LCATP attempt can expect total fees to be approximately \$970 CAD. The timeline may also vary based on individual circumstances. Credential assessment results are available 14 business days after all documents are received by WES, LCATP results in 15 business days, and 20-25 business days for the EECD Office of Teacher Certification to process Interim Teaching Certificate applications after all documents are received. Overall, it can take 2-3 months.

**Pre-arrival**: You may complete the Pathways to Teach Canada assessment process before arriving in Canada.

## WORKING IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

To work legally in Canada, you must be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, or hold a valid work permit. For immigration assistance, visit <u>Immigration New Brunswick</u>. If you are already in Canada, WorkingNB employment counsellors are available to assist you prior to your arrival in New Brunswick. Email: <u>vecs.svce@gnb.ca</u> to set up an appointment.

Note: The content of this document is provided for informational purposes only and is subject to change without notice. It does not replace official certification requirements.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Fee and timeline estimates are as of December 2024 and are subject to change. Individual situations may increase costs and timelines—some examples include: document translation into English or French, international couriers, document notarization, etc.



