Maryland’s Out-of-State or Out-of-Country Teaching Certification Options

3+ Years Professional Experience
Out-of-State Applicant
- Valid (current) professional certificate
- Verification of 3 years satisfactory school-related experience within the past 7 years, in the certification area at the appropriate level for which there is a like or comparable MD certification

Out-of-Country Applicant
- Valid (current) professional certification from a country other than the United States
- Verification of 3 years satisfactory school-related experience within the past 7 years, in the certification area at the appropriate level for which there is a like or comparable MD certification
- Demonstrate proficiency in both spoken and written English

2 Years Professional Experience
Out-of-State Applicant
- Valid (current) professional certificate or expired professional certificate
- Verification of completing an approved out-of-state teacher preparation program
- Verification of 2 years satisfactory full time-teaching experience in the certification area at the appropriate level (exempts individual from taking MD Praxis tests)

Fewer than 2 Years Professional Experience
Out-of-State Applicant
- Valid (current) professional certificate
- Verification of completing an approved teacher preparation program
- Verification of a qualifying score on a valid out-of-state certification test

Teacher Incentives
National Board Certification
A stipend of up to $2000 a year is available as a dollar-for-dollar match to local school systems for teachers who earn certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

For more information, call the Certification Assistance Toll Free Line 1-866-772-8922 OR go to www.mdcert.org