

**TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHAPTER 20. STAFF
SUBCHAPTER 9. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS: TEACHER EDUCATION
AND CERTIFICATION
PART 9. TEACHER CERTIFICATION**

210:20-9-94. Period of validity of certificates

(a) Standard certificates normally have a validity period of five (5) years. The standard certificate will expire five (5) years from the nearest thirtieth day of June either preceding or following the effective date of the certificate.

(b) Provisional certificates, vocational and/or nonvocational, will have a validity period established by the State Department of Education.

(c) Emergency certificates normally have a validity period of one (1) school year. The certificate will expire the thirtieth day of June of the school year for which it was issued. The validity period for an emergency certificate may be extended for one (1) additional school year at the request of the superintendent of the employing district, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education. At the request of the superintendent of the employing district, an emergency certificate may be renewed by the State Board of Education for one (1) additional year for an individual who has been employed by a school district for two (2) years, provided the following criteria are met:

(1) The individual has been granted an emergency certificate for two (2) years;

(2) The individual has a rating of "Effective" or higher on the qualitative portion of the last evaluation conducted pursuant to 70 O.S. § 6-101.16;

(3) The individual has not successfully completed the competency examinations required by applicable law;

(4) The individual, via the requesting school district, submits a portfolio of their work to the State Board of Education, which shall include evidence of progress toward standard certification;

(5) The employing school district board of education agrees to renew the individual's contract to teach for the ensuing fiscal year; and

(6) The superintendent of the employing school district submits to the State Board of Education the reason the emergency certificate should be renewed, and provides evidence of the district's attempts to, and inability to, hire a teacher who holds a standard teaching certificate.

The maximum validity period for an emergency certificate extended by State Board approval will be ~~two (2)~~ three (3) years. Individuals employed by a school district under an emergency or provisional certificate shall not be considered career teachers and therefore not entitled to the protections of the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990.