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## STEM Professional Development Requirement for Certificate Renewal

Beginning on Sept. 1, 2019, many teacher certificate renewal applicants will need to document 15 clock hours, or one goal from a Professional Growth Plan, in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) professional development. This professional development must integrate at least two out of the four STEM elements. Teacher certificate holders who are endorsed in one or more of the endorsement areas listed below and are renewing after Sept. 1, 2019 must meet the STEM requirement.

Teachers with June 30, 2020 certificate lapse dates and beyond need to have completed this requirement prior to applying for renewal. (Note: Teachers with June 30, 2020 lapse dates can apply for their certificate renewal between July 1 and Aug. 30 of 2019 without needing to document the STEM requirement.) NBCTs who maintain a valid National Board Certificate can use that for certificate renewal, and do not need to complete this STEM requirement.

**Who needs to complete this requirement?** Teachers with residency, professional, initial or continuing certificates who have endorsements in any of the following areas:

- Computer Science
- CTE (All Areas)
- Designated Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Space Science; Physics
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Mathematics; Middle Level Mathematics
- Science; Middle Level Science

Learn more about the certificate renewal requirements on our [website](#) or visit the [Professional Educator Standards Board](#).

Your Association provides opportunities to meet this STEM requirement, many throughout the year at the council level as well as at this summer's [Learning Institutes](#), which will be held in Auburn, Battle Ground and Pasco.