

On October 9, 2018, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved updated Guidelines and Requirements for Adding Certification Fields and Endorsements. The full text of the updated guidelines is available on the [Certification Regulations and Guidelines](#) webpage. These guidelines are pursuant to SBE Regulation 43-62, Areas of Certification.

The updated guidelines have been reformatted for clarity, accessibility, and consistency. In most instances, requirements to add an area of certification or an endorsement have not changed. The most substantial changes to requirements for specific areas are the addition of options to add Dance and Computer Science, revised course requirements to add Special Education: Hearing Impairments, and updated options for earning some certification endorsements.

In addition to adding new teaching fields by completion of an approved program or by coursework with the certification exam, **teachers who have advanced to a standard, Professional certificate may now add some areas by method of certification exam**

Detailed information is available in the guidelines document linked above and on the webpage [Adding Certification Fields to a South Carolina Certificate](#).

Again, adding a certification field by method of exam is an option only for educators who have advanced to a standard, Professional certificate and is subject to limitations as outlined in the guidelines. Only examinations currently accepted by the SCDE for certification purposes may be used for this option.