



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Act 48

Beginning July 1, 2000, Act 48 of 1999 required persons holding Pennsylvania professional educator certification to complete continuing education requirements every five years in order to maintain their certificates in active status.

The goal of professional education is to improve accountability and quality in professional development.

Earning Act 48 credit

Educators must earn six credits of collegiate study; or six credits of PDE-approved continuing professional education courses; or 180 hours of continuing professional education programs, activities or learning experiences; or any combination of the above every five years to maintain active certification status.

Collegiate credits and continuing professional education credits from Pennsylvania's intermediate units may be applied to the continuing education requirements if earned during the current Act 48 compliance period. The credits must relate to the educator's area of assignment/certification or within a program leading to administrative certification.

Accessing Act 48 information

A teacher's progress in meeting Act 48 requirements can be viewed at the PERMS webpage at <https://www.perms.ed.state.pa.us>. A Professional Personnel Identification (PPID) # is needed to access the information.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education website (<http://www.pde.state.pa.us>) has additional information on Act 48 on the following topics:

[2007 Professional Education Plan Guidelines](#)

[2013 Act 48 Approved Provider Guidelines](#)

[2013 Educator Induction Plan Guidelines](#)