

13A.07.08.03- Eligibility Criteria

A. In order to be eligible to receive financial aid to pursue initial NBPTS certification, a candidate shall:

- (1) Have completed 3 years of successful teaching on a Maryland professional certificate at one or more early childhood, elementary, middle, or secondary public schools;
- (2) Hold a valid Maryland professional certificate;
- (3) Affirm voluntary participation in the NBPTS certification process;
- (4) Comply with the deadlines as specified by the Department and NBPTS; and
- (5) Demonstrate teaching practice in designated fields as identified by the NBPTS.



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- B. In order to be eligible to receive financial aid to pursue renewal of the NBPTS certificate, a candidate shall:
- (1) Hold a valid Maryland professional certificate; and
 - (2) Comply with the deadlines as specified by the Department and NBPTS.
- C. In order to be eligible to receive financial aid to pursue one retake, a candidate shall:
- (1) Hold a valid Maryland professional certificate; and
 - (2) Pursue the NBPTS certificate within the next assessment cycle immediately following the cycle in which the candidate does not achieve National Board certification.
- D. A local school system may establish additional criteria for eligibility.