



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

December 2019

TO: District Superintendents



Certification Requirement

Effective July 1, 2020, all certified special education teachers who teach one or more subject areas in a special class in grades 7-12, with some or no students under alternate assessment, must either:

be certified in each subject area that they teach,

Commissioner's regulations, whichever comes first, with the exception that the teaching experience requirement must be completed by June 30, 2020. SOCE applications that are in ["Ready for Review" status](#) will automatically receive expedited service and will be reviewed in 1-2 weeks.

- *Application Fee.* Special education teachers would submit a separate [application in TEACH](#) for each subject area in which they are seeking a SOCE. For the SOCE, special education teachers would pay the \$100 application fee for the first subject area. If they are interested in receiving a SOCE in other subject areas, they would submit additional SOCE applications, but not pay the application fees.

These additional Sn8 1 (O)C (e)E]TJ -0.002 ecTd [(a-2 cs 19 0E)1 E(at)2 (i)6 (on)10 (f)

Questions

For questions about special education teaching assignments, please contact the Office of Special Education at speced@nysed.gov. If special education teachers have questions about certification requirements, they can contact the Office of Teaching Initiatives at tcert@nysed.gov.