

TITLE 6 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
CHAPTER 63 SCHOOL PERSONNEL - LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR ANCILLARY AND
SUPPORT PERSONNEL
PART 14 CERTIFICATION IN NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE, PRE K-12

6.63.14.1 ISSUING AGENCY: Public Education Department.
[6.63.14.1 NMAC - N, 9/30/03; A, 06-30-06]

6.63.14.2 SCOPE: All certified Native American language and culture teachers and all applicants for Native American language and culture teacher certification. This rule governs standards and qualifications for those persons seeking initial or renewed certification as a Native American language and culture teacher.
[6.63.14.2 NMAC - N, 9/30/03; A, 06-30-06]

6.63.14.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 22-2-1, 22-2-2, 22-10A-13, 22-10A-5, 22-10A-31, NMSA 1978.
[6.63.14.3 NMAC - N, 9/30/03]

6.63.14.4 DURATION: Permanent.
[6.63.14.4 NMAC - N, 9/30/03]

6.63.14.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: September 30, 2003, unless a later date is cited in the history note at the end of a section.
[6.63.14.5 NMAC - N, 9/30/03]

6.63.14.6 OBJECTIVE: This rule provides a certification system whereby school districts may employ non-degreed individuals to teach the native language and cultures of specific tribes and pueblos in any grade K through 12.
[6.63.14.6 NMAC - N, 9/30/03]

6.63.14.7 DEFINITIONS:

- A. "Collaboration with the "secretary of education" means those Native American tribes and pueblos in New Mexico that have signed a memorandum of agreement with the secretary of education.
 - B. "Tribe" means an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo located within New Mexico.
 - C. "Verifying in writing" means signing a memorandum of agreement as between a tribe or pueblo and the secretary of education.
- [6.63.14.7 NMAC - N, 9/30/03; A, 06-30-06]

6.63.14.8 REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Persons seeking level one certification (for three years) in Native American language and culture pursuant to the provisions of this rule shall meet the requirements established by each New Mexico Native American tribe and pueblo to determine an acceptable standard of competence and language proficiency to teach the language and culture.
- B. Persons seeking level one certification in Native American language and culture pursuant to the provisions of this rule shall provide the professional certification unit with verification from a New Mexico Native American tribe or pueblo authority that the candidate has met the standards and criteria for competence and language proficiency to teach the language and culture. Such verification shall be provided on a form acceptable to the public education department ("PED").
- C. Persons seeking certification in Native American language and culture pursuant to the provisions of this rule shall comply with all provisions of 6.60.7 NMAC [Educator Licensure Application Fee], 6.60.8 NMAC [Background Checks for Educator Licensure], the standards of professional conduct at 6.60.9.9 NMAC [Licensure Requirements, Code of Ethical Responsibility of the Education Profession], and the Parental Responsibility Act, Sections 40-5A-1 to 40-5A-13, NMSA 1978.
- D. Holders of the certificate in Native American language and culture, pre K-12 may not use this certificate to provide instruction in any other subject matter or discipline, unless they hold a valid PED license authorizing them to provide such instructional services.

E. Persons denied certification required by this rule who desire a hearing pursuant to the Uniform Licensing Act, Sections 61-1-1 through 61-1-33, NMSA 1978, must first exhaust the procedures set forth in a memorandum of agreement with the applicable tribe or pueblo.
[6.63.14.8 NMAC - N, 9/30/03; A, 06-30-06]

6.63.14.9 STANDARDS FOR COMPETENCE AND LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:

A. Each New Mexico Native American tribe and pueblo in collaboration with the PED in certifying Native American language and culture teachers, shall develop standards and criteria for determining competency for initial certification and renewal of certification, and shall verify in writing to the PED that these standards and criteria have been developed and that they are maintained on file with the certifying community, tribe or pueblo.

B. Each New Mexico Native American tribe and pueblo in collaboration with the PED in certifying Native American language and culture teachers, shall develop and consistently use a process for determining if candidates for the initial or continuing certification for Native American language and culture have met the standards of competence and language proficiency required for certification and shall verify in writing to the PED that the process has been developed and is the sole basis for determining language and culture competence, and that a description of the process is maintained on file with the certifying tribe or pueblo.

[6.63.14.9 NMAC - N, 9/30/03; A, 06-30-06]

6.63.14.10 RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION IN NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE,

PRE K-12: A level two certificate (for nine years) may be issued upon verification that the Native American language and culture teacher satisfactorily completed renewal activities required, authorized, and verified by the authority of the Native American tribe and pueblo, and that the renewal process was carried out in collaboration with the superintendent of the employing school district.

[6.63.14.10 NMAC - N, 9/30/03; A, 06-30-06]

HISTORY OF 6.63.14 NMAC: [Reserved]