

# Renewal Credit Matrix

## Certificate Renewal Plan Professional Development Options for South Carolina Educators

**Educators not employed in a position requiring South Carolina educator certification are restricted to Options 1, 2, and 3 in the Matrix.**

Certificate Renewal Option	Eligibility Criteria	Renewal Credits	Required Verification
1. College Credit	<p>All courses must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Directly relate either to the educator's area(s) of certification, or to an area of certification in which the educator is formally enrolled, or to the goals of the educator and/or the educator's employing educational entity;</li><li>• Be taken through an NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) or regionally accredited college or university or through a college or university that has programs approved for teacher education by the State Board of Education (SBE);</li><li>• Be taken for credit; and</li><li>• Result in a passing grade in a pass-fail class or in a grade of C or better.</li></ul>	<p>Maximum: up to 120 renewal credits may be earned via this option during the five-year validity period of the certificate.</p> <p>Accrual rate: 1 semester hour of earned course credit = 20 renewal credits</p>	<p>In order to receive renewal credits via this option, the educator must provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An official transcript from the college or university</li></ul>
2. State Department of Education Certificate Renewal Course	<p>All certificate renewal courses must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Directly relate either to the educator's area(s) of certification or to the goals of the educator and/or the educator's employing educational entity; and</li><li>• Have been approved by the State Department of Education, according to SBE criteria.</li></ul>	<p>Maximum: up to 120 renewal credits may be earned through approved renewal courses during the five-year validity period of the certificate.</p> <p>Accrual rate: 1 semester hour of earned course credit = 20 renewal credits</p>	<p>In order to receive renewal credits via this option, the educator must provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a report from the course administrator, as required by current SBE guidelines for certification renewal courses.</li></ul>