

Results of a survey of states conducted in May 2007

Describes certification fees and additional charges for for the first teaching certificate/license in the state. Where different fees apply to in-state and out-of-state applicants, the out-of-state fee is indicated.

Arkansas and the Department of Defense do not charge:

State	Fee	Rate	Validity	Other Fees/ Service Fee	Fingerprint	(O) Operating Fund or General Fund (G)
Arkansas	\$0					n/a
DoDEA	\$0					n/a

New Mexico targets fees, but to the budget of its ethics bureau (not for certification office expenses)

Washington targets fees to 'pre-certification' and 'professional development' (not for certification processing expenses)

State	Fee	Rate	Validity	Other Fees/ Service Fee	Fingerprint/ Background	(O) Operating Fund or General Fund (G)
New Mexico	\$65					Other (Ethics Bureau)
Washington	\$35	\$5/yr	7 yrs	\$20	\$54	G

6 states have their fees go into the general fund

State	Fee	Rate	Validity	Other Fees/ Service Fee	Fingerprint/ Background	(O) Operating Fund or General Fund (G)
Connecticut	\$100			+\$50/endorsement		
Florida	\$56					G
Georgia	\$20					G
Maine	\$100					G
Minnesota	\$57				\$31	G
Pennsylvania	\$80					G

6 \$69 Avg

19 states use their certification fees to pay for operating expenses of the certification office

State	Fee	Rate	Validity	Other Fees/ Service Fee	Fingerprint/ Background	(O) Operating Fund or General Fund (G)
Alaska	\$125				\$66	O
Arizona	\$60				\$52	O
California	\$55					O
Colorado	\$60					
Hawaii	\$48		5 yrs			O
Iowa	\$85					O 75% 25% G
Kansas	\$36				\$44	O
Kentucky	\$50					O
Louisiana	\$50					O
Michigan	\$175					O
Montana	\$30	\$6/yr	5 yrs	\$6	\$34	O
Nebraska	\$45				\$40	O
Nevada	\$155				\$46	O
North Dakota	\$125	\$25/yr	5 yrs		Fingerprint	O
Oregon	\$120				\$62	O
South Carolina	\$51				\$24	O
South Dakota	\$30		5 yrs			2/3 O 1/3 Recruiting
Wisconsin	\$150					O
Vermont	\$120	\$40/hr	3 yrs	\$40	\$24	O

19 \$83 Avg

General Fund: Fee is not used to pay for operating costs of the certification office

Operating Fund: Fee is used to pay for operating costs of the certification office

Recruiting: Funds are dedicated to recruiting & retaining teachers in the state