

three years, renewable on evidence of successful experience and professional spirit, and required in all State-aided high schools and schools rated as high schools by the State Superintendent of Schools, may be granted to persons who have completed a four years' high school course or the equivalent, who have had two years of additional work of a college grade, approximately one-third of which was in general academic subjects and approximately two-thirds in the special branch or branches for which the special high school certificate is issued, including as a part of their preparation not less than two hundred recitation hours in the theory of education and in the art of teaching their specialty. Such a certificate may also be granted to persons having an equivalent academic and professional preparation on examination of equivalent standard, provided that this sub-section shall not go into effect until September first, 1919.

(7) An elementary school principal's certificate, valid throughout the State for three years, renewable on evidence of successful experience and professional spirit and required in all elementary schools having three or more teachers, including the principal, may be granted to persons who have had a four years' high school course or the equivalent; who have completed a two years' standard normal school course, or the equivalent, who have had in addition not less than a full half-year's work at a recognized college or university in elementary school methods, supervision, and administration, and who have had three years of teaching experience in the elementary schools. Such a certificate may also be granted to persons of equivalent academic and professional preparation on examination of equivalent standard.

(8) An elementary school teacher's certificate of the first grade, valid for three years in the elementary schools of the State, and renewable on evidence of successful experience and professional spirit, may be issued to persons who are graduates of a four years' high school or the equivalent, and who have completed a two-year course in a standard normal school or the equivalent. Such a certificate may also be granted to persons of equivalent academic and professional preparation on examination of equivalent standard.

(9) An elementary school teacher's certificate of the second grade, valid for two years in the elementary schools of the State, may be issued to graduates of standard high schools having a four years' course, or the equivalent, on examination in reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, oral and written English, geography, history of the United States and of Maryland, community civics, hygiene and sanitation, agriculture, music, drawing, handwork, the theory and practice of teaching, and such other subjects as may be required by the State Board of Education. Provided that no applicant shall be granted such a certificate who has not completed at least six weeks of professional preparation in a standard institution, nor shall such certificate be issued to any person under eighteen years of age. Provided further, that this certificate may be renewed for a period of two years on evidence of successful experience and professional spirit, and completion of not less than six weeks of additional academic and professional preparation in a standard institution. This certificate may be renewed for a