

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 second time for a period of three years, next succeeding or otherwise, on evidence of successful experience and professional spirit, and completion of not less than six additional weeks of academic and professional preparation in a standard institution, and so on for an indefinite number of three-year periods, successive or otherwise; but this certificate may not be issued a second time to the same person on examination.

10. An elementary school teacher's certificate of the third grade, valid for two years in the elementary schools of the State, may be issued to persons having had less than a standard high school course, on examination in reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, oral and written English, geography, his-