

Renewal:

(noun) the act of picking something back up; continuing

An Overview of the National Board Certification for Teachers Renewal Process



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You are already an NBCT, so you know you must follow all the instructions on the nbpts.org website. Check out “Resources” in the top right, and then go to “Candidate Center” and finally the section that says “Renewal Candidate Resources.”

This is my own overview of the renewal process just to help you get your mind wrapped around it. The information on the NBPTS website is the official word.

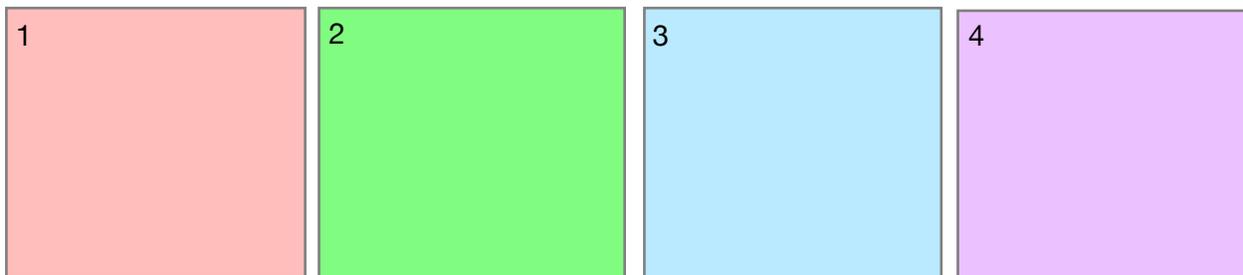
Step 1. Pay your fees on the nbpts.org website by the due date. Check the following chart to see when you are eligible for renewal.

<http://www.nbpts.org/wp-content/uploads/Renewal-Calendar.pdf>

Step 2. Download and/or print the resources you found, such as Renewal-At-A-Glance by the NBPTS and The Profile of Professional Growth. Start a file folder either on your computer desktop or a hardcopy binder. You may want to do both, because some of the forms, such as the Contextual Information sheet are fillable forms now.

Step 3. Read the actual instructions, highlighting or underlining, and writing examples and ideas as you go through them. Remember to look for “buzz words.”

Step 4. Brainstorm: What are four major areas of continuous learning you’ve been doing for the past ten-ish years? Some of those activities may have started before you got your NBCT, but still continue. Try to group your activities into 4 overarching categories.



Professional Growth Experiences 1,2,3, and 4 together make up Component 1 of your Profile of Professional Growth. One must be technology; one must be in your original certification content.

Step 5. Here is the Renewal Process in My Words—

You will provide information about what you have been doing, professionally, for the past ten years and your continuous commitment to impact on learning. All of the work you submit, together is called the Profile of Professional Growth or PPG. Here is the breakdown:

Component 1 is where you describe four important Professional Growth Experiences (PGEs) that reflect your ongoing commitment to lifelong learning. Note: one of these must be about technology, and another one has to be about the content you originally certified in.

The best tip I received during my renewal was that the PGEs should be multifaceted. So, for example, you might showcase not that you presented ONE technology training, but how several or many events indicate that technology training is an important part of your professional growth continuously over the past ten years.

Component 2 is a 10-minute video of your teaching along with written commentary, springing from one of the four PGEs you wrote about in Component 1. This video must be recorded during the year you renew. It showcases how you establish and maintain an equitable learning environment, appreciation for diversity in the classroom, and new content knowledge.

Component 3 is where you demonstrate impact on learners, elaborating on another of the PGEs you described in Component 1. You can choose a 6-minute video or student work as evidence. The learners can be adults or students.

The Reflection is the last part. You will think, perhaps, that you should get to elaborate on the two other PGEs from Component 1. But, no. This is actually a reflection on the four PGEs, Component 2 (the video and discussion of your teaching), and Component 3 (the evidence you submitted of your impact on learners.) You will be analyzing the patterns evident in the 3 Components and reflecting on your ten years of professional growth as represented by all that you've written, video recorded, and submitted as evidence.

Your Profile of Professional Growth (PPG) consists of:

Component 1--
4 professional growth
experiences (PGEs)

PGE 1

PGE 2

PGE 3

PGE 4

Component 2--
stems from
PGE 2

Component 3--
from PGE 3

Reflection--
looking for
patterns
between
Components
1, 2, and 3

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Step 6. When you upload and submit, this will be online, as well. After you've registered as a renewal candidate, the NBPTS will send you email about everything you need to know. You will need to register and pay by January 31st, or if they extend the deadline, by February 28th. The cost is \$1,250.

Sometime closer to April, you will receive a letter telling you when the Submission Window will be open. You'll receive information about how to set up your account on their Submission Website, and that is a different site than the nbpts.org. Just follow the directions and reach out for help if needed. You will be able to begin uploading each part of your PPG—and it won't be submitted until you push the "Submit" button. You can upload files and then take them off and upload something else, if you want to. You may need to compress your videos, but the NBPTS sends you a link to software that helps you do this and it takes less than a minute to do.

Step 7. Sometime in October you will receive notification that you DID or DID NOT pass. Renewal is Pass/Fail and there are no scores. There is said to be a 90% pass rate, so try to channel your inner-NBCT. Make sure you have a Reader or two check your work for clarity and content, just like you did before.

