



1. Applicant Information

Social Security Number _____ Gender: Check One Male Female Prefer Not to Answer
 US Citizen: Yes No
 Military Service: US Veteran or Spouse of US Veteran
 Birth Date (MM-DD-YYYY) _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Previous Last Name (or Maiden) _____
 (If your name has changed since your last application, **proof of name change must be attached**, e.g. copy of marriage certificate, etc.)

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____
 Email (Required) _____
 Are you employed by a West Virginia School System? (Circle Yes / No) If YES, please indicate the school system: _____

Indicate Race and Ethnicity (Check all that apply)

Hispanic White Asian Black/African American
 Middle Eastern/North African (MENA) American Indian/Alaskan Native Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

3. Applicant Signature

I swear or affirm under the penalty of false swearing that all information provided in or with this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements, misrepresentations, or omissions of fact in or with this application are grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of the license(s) that I am seeking or currently hold. The WVDE collects personal and non-personal information. Any information submitted or on record may be open to public inspection and/or publication as per our privacy policy located on our website.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

4. Fingerprinting Information

Fingerprinting instructions at <https://wvde.us/certification/certification-info/application-forms/first-time-application/>

I have previously received Certification in WV.
 I have never held WV Certification and will complete at background through IdentoGo. All first-time applicants must have fingerprints processed by IdentoGo (<https://www.identogo.com>). A fingerprint service code will be sent to your e-mail once the application is received by the WVDE.

5. Superintendent Recommendation (Required if employed by a WV School System)

I certify that I have reviewed and can attest to the accuracy and truthfulness of the information provided in this application. When necessary, I have included documentation verifying this information. I have reviewed the disclosure of background information, and, to the best of my knowledge, the applicant is of good moral character and is physically, mentally, and emotionally qualified to perform the assigned duties. I recommend that s/he be granted certification.

Signature of Superintendent/Multi-County CTE Administrator, or WVSOT Superintendent/designee _____ County _____ Date _____

2. Disclosure of Background Information

If you answer yes to any question below, submit a narrative with your application. The narrative should include dates, locations, school systems, and any/all other information that explains the circumstance(s) in detail.	YES	NO	Previously Submitted
1) Have you ever had adverse action taken against any application, certificate, or license in any state? Adverse action includes but is not limited to the following: letter of warning, reprimand, denial, suspension, revocation, voluntary surrender, or cancellation.			
2) Have you ever been disciplined, reprimanded, suspended, or discharged from any employment because of allegations of misconduct?			
3) Have you ever resigned, entered into a settlement agreement, or otherwise left employment as a result of alleged misconduct?			
4) Is any action now pending against you for alleged misconduct in any school district, court, or before any educator licensing agency?			
5) Have you ever been arrested, charged with, convicted of, or are currently under indictment for a felony?*			
6) Have you ever been arrested, charged with, or convicted of a misdemeanor? (For the purpose of this application, minor traffic violations should not be reported.) Charges or convictions for driving while intoxicated (DWI) or driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs (DUI) must be reported.*			

*For a YES response to items 5 and 6, the following must be included for all charges, including those that have been dismissed:

- 1) Charging Document; and
- 2) Judgement Order; or
- 3) Final Disposition; and
- 4) All other relevant court documentation.



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Form 38 — Authorizations and Professional Business Official Certificate

Social Security Number: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Select the appropriate box next to the requested authorization or certificate. Identify if the request is for an Original, Renewal or Permanent Authorization or Certificate. The appropriate in-service trainings/hours, official college/university transcripts, and/or other requirements for the endorsement indicated will be reviewed by the WVDE at the time of submission before the authorization or certificate is issued. Refer to WVBE Policy 5202 for requirements.
**The Future Leaders Authorization also requires the Coursework Commitment Form to be submitted at the time of application.

COUNTY OR WVSDT LOCATION _____ SCHOOL YEAR _____

Table with 4 columns: ONE-YEAR AUTHORIZATIONS WITH PERMANENT PATHWAY, INITIAL, RENEWAL, PERMANENT. Rows include Future Leaders Program** and Technology Systems Specialist.

ONE-YEAR AUTHORIZATIONS WITH RENEWAL ONLY

Table with 2 columns: INITIAL, RENEWAL. Rows include Alternative Education, Child Nutrition Director (NO SNS Credential), Curriculum/Cultural Enrichment, Developmentally Delayed Special Education, Health Care Fundamentals (CTE), JROTC (2 year Authorization), Jobs for West Virginia Graduates, Math 8, and Speech Language Assistant.

PERMANENT AUTHORIZATIONS

Table with 2 columns: INITIAL, RENEWAL. Rows include Autism Mentor, Computer Science Discoveries, Computer Science Fundamentals, Driver Education (WVDE Cohort), and Introduction to Computer Science.