



Via Xpresspost

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Dear Mrs Davydova:

Thank you for your application for a Ministry of Education Certificate of Qualification. The evaluation of your application was completed by an Evaluator on my behalf.

To qualify for a Certificate of Qualification, applicants must meet the requirements in section 30 of the *Teachers Act*. The results of an evaluation are based upon a thorough examination of an applicant's qualifications under the current certification criteria, as established by the BC Teachers' Council (BCTC).

- A fitness component determines if an individual is of good moral character and is otherwise fit and proper to be issued a certificate.
- A language proficiency component determines if a teacher is proficient in one of BC's primary languages of instruction (English and French).
- An experience component establishes if a teacher is current with the teaching role and education profession.
- An education component identifies if a teacher has completed pedagogical and academic studies equivalent to that of a BC-trained teacher.

The requirements for each area need to be met before an applicant qualifies for certification.

We regret to inform you that you are not eligible for a Certificate of Qualification at this time as you have not met the education component of our evaluation. In order to be eligible for certification you will need to meet the requirements outlined in this letter.

### **Education Component**

#### **Pedagogical Studies**

Bylaw 2.A.01 (b) (i) stipulates that to be considered eligible for a certificate of qualification, an applicant must have completed an initial teacher education program that is comparable to those offered in BC. Bylaw 2.I.02 outlines the components of an acceptable teacher education program. Such a program contains a minimum of 48 semester credits of education, including methodology and practicum, as indicated in Bylaw 2.I.02 (a) (i).

Bylaw 2.I.02 (b) stipulates that an acceptable program must include studies in human development and learning, educational foundations (history, philosophy and sociology), curriculum and instruction, diagnosing and providing for the educational needs of individual students, evaluation and testing, and First Nations pedagogy plus issues related to historical and current context of First Nations, Inuit and Metis learners.

You completed your undergraduate studies in Russia and have a strong academic background in physics and mathematics. The teacher training portion of your program, however, is very limited. Your Diploma, completed at Moscow State Pedagogic University in 2000, included the equivalent of 15 semester credits of education coursework and practice teaching; 33 semester credits short of the minimum requirement of 48 semester credits.

An acceptable practicum is defined in Policy P2.I.01.1. The teacher training completed in your Diploma included a Teachers' Mastership of 50 hours which we have interpreted as a teaching practicum. This is far less classroom teaching time than the minimum 10 weeks required in BC. We also note that you have not taught in the Kindergarten to grade 12 school system since completing this initial teacher training program. Bylaw 2.M.01.01 confirms that at the time of evaluation, an applicant for teacher certification is required to have taught for a minimum number of days within the last 10 years. When this requirement has not been met, a program of education coursework and practice teaching is required.

In summary, the training you completed is too limited to be considered a comparable teacher education program, and you have not taught since its completion. We recognize that you completed a Master of Education degree at Simon Fraser University in 2015. That program, however, is not approved by the BCTC as an acceptable initial teacher training program leading to BC teacher certification, as required under Policy P2.I.01 (a). Therefore, in order to meet our requirements for teacher certification you will need to complete a full teacher education program (TEP).

In BC the following institutions offer a TEP which will result in a BC teaching certificate:

- University of British Columbia
- Simon Fraser University
- University of Victoria
- Vancouver Island University
- Trinity Western University
- University of BC, Okanagan
- University of Northern British Columbia
- Thompson Rivers University
- University of the Fraser Valley

These programs are approximately 1.5 years in length. All of the BC programs consist of several courses and include at least 12 weeks of unpaid practice teaching in a BC public school. You need to successfully complete each of the courses as well as the practicum.

Please **do not enroll in any education program** without first speaking with an advisor in the Faculty of Education of the BC institution you plan to attend. **An advisor will tell you about additional coursework that you will need to complete prior to admission.** This necessary coursework can vary considerably depending on the university.

## Academic Studies

In accordance with Bylaw 2.J.02 (a) and Policy 2.J.02 (a), all teachers who complete their teacher education program in British Columbia complete 6 credits of university-level academic coursework in English literature and composition. A review of your studies confirms that you have not completed this coursework. Therefore, you will need to complete 6 semester credits of English literature and composition.

Bylaw 2.J.02 outlines the academic coursework requirements for elementary generalist and secondary subject specialist teachers. If you complete a teacher education program in BC, the university will require that you complete any missing academic coursework required under Bylaw 2.J.02 and appropriate to the teacher education program you select. If you would like to complete a teacher education program outside of BC, please email the information to us at [trb.certification@gov.bc.ca](mailto:trb.certification@gov.bc.ca). We will let you know if the program meets our requirements before you enroll. We will also explain any additional academic coursework for your chosen teaching area and level, as required under Bylaw 2.J.02.

Please also note that you have the option of obtaining a teaching certificate before completing all required coursework. Bylaw 2.J.02 (d) states that an applicant who is deficient in no more than 12 credits of academic coursework may be granted a Conditional Certificate. In your case, you may request a Conditional Certificate once you have completed the familiarization requirements. The Conditional Certificate is a temporary certificate valid for up to 60 months. During the validity period of the Conditional Certificate, you would need to complete the 6 credits of English literature and composition.

### SUMMARY:

You do not qualify for certification at this time. To qualify for a **Conditional** Certificate of Qualification you need to complete:

- a full teacher education program, and
- any other requirements of the university you attend.

Upon completion of the above, you will qualify for a **Conditional** Certificate of Qualification and should contact us at that time. To qualify for the **Professional** Certificate of Qualification, you will need to complete the following coursework within the validity dates of your Conditional Certificate (valid for up to 60 months).

- 6 semester credits of English literature and composition.

**Please do not enroll in any education program** without first **speaking with an advisor** in the Faculty of Education of the institution you plan to attend. An advisor will tell you about **additional coursework** that you will need to complete prior to admission. This necessary coursework can vary considerably depending on the university.

This letter sets out the requirements for teacher certification as established by the BC Teachers' Council. Please do not enroll in any coursework without first speaking with an **advisor** in the Faculty of Education of the university to plan to attend. **An advisor will tell you about additional coursework that you will need to complete prior to admission.** This necessary coursework can vary considerably depending on the university.

**All coursework should be pre-approved by an Evaluator with the Teacher Regulation Branch.** Please email your course approval requests to [trb.certification@gov.bc.ca](mailto:trb.certification@gov.bc.ca) and indicate course approval in the subject line. In the email, include your name and certificate number, the university name, course names and numbers, and the number of credits for each. Please provide a link to a course description for each course, if available.

This evaluation is valid for 5 years from the date of this letter. If you do not complete the requirements outlined and qualify for certification before the evaluation expires, you will need to reapply. A new evaluation would be completed under the requirements in effect at that time.

Please note that the Teacher Regulation Branch issues three types of **Independent School Teaching Certificates (ISTC)**, which have different eligibility requirements from professional certificates of qualification. Eligibility requirements and the application form for an ISTC can be found on our website <http://www.bcteacherregulation.ca/Teacher/IndependentApp.aspx>.

### **Right to Reconsideration**

Pursuant to section 32 of the *Teachers Act*, you may ask me to reconsider my decision. Section 32 (5) allows me to consider information which was not before the Evaluator at the time of evaluation. A request for reconsideration must:

1. be in writing; and
2. include the prescribed fee of \$140; and
3. include additional information you would like to be considered; and
4. be delivered to me within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Please direct correspondence and any questions you may have about the reconsideration process to my attention.

Sincerely,



Andrew Crawford  
Acting Director of Certification

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