

# Ohio National Board Certification Funding

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## Program Description

NBPTS is pleased to announce that funding is available through our Targeted High need Initiative program (THNI) to help offset the cost of the assessment fee in states that do not have a formal fee subsidy program and for teachers who teach in independent/private schools and are not eligible for fee subsidy money in their states. Please read the information below for specific details, deadlines and contact information.

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## Funding Available:

**First Time Candidates:** First time candidates are eligible for up to **\$1,250** in federal subsidy to offset the cost of application.

**Retake Candidates:** Retake candidates who have not used federal funds in the past are eligible for **\$350** to pay for the cost of one retake entry.

## Application Deadline:

**First Time Candidates:** December 31, 2011

**Retake Candidates:** December 31, 2011



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## National Board Certification and Ohio Licensure:

In 2009, Ohio restructured its teacher licensure system and established a new career ladder for educators. The new four-tiered system provides opportunities for teachers to advance in their professional careers and serve as school improvement leaders, without leaving the teaching profession. The senior professional educator license and lead professional educator license are advanced steps on the career ladder.

All NBCTs who meet the requirements below are eligible for the Lead Professional Educator License. The requirements are:

- master's degree;
- nine years under a standard teaching license or certificate, of which at least five years are under a professional/permanent license/certificate or senior professional educator license; and
- demonstration of effective practice at the *distinguished* level of performance defined in the Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession; specifically, by holding **active National Board Certification**, OR, successful completion of the Master Teacher portfolio *and* the Teacher Leader Endorsement.

More information about Ohio's licensure system can be found on the Ohio Department of Education [website](#).

Teachers interested in National Board Certification and transitioning to a Lead Professional Educator License or NBCTs who have **not** met the requirement of a Master's degree can find information about National University's accelerated Master's Program with a specialization in National Board Certification [here](#).