

**Educator**

**Licensure**

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**Your License  
is  
Your Responsibility!**

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# Types of Licenses

- ❖ Temporary
  - ❖ Provisional
  - ❖ Initial
  - ❖ Professional
  - ❖ Emergency (New)
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# Temporary License

- ❖ Valid for one (1) calendar year
  - ❖ Cannot be extended or renewed
  - ❖ Appropriate for an experienced teacher from out-of-state who:
    - ❖ Has been employed in another state under a valid license or certificate comparable to a Massachusetts initial license for at least three (3) years
    - ❖ Has not passed all of, or has not failed any of, the required MTEL tests
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# Provisional (Previously called Preliminary) License

- ❖ Valid for five years of employment
  - ❖ Cannot be extended or renewed
  - ❖ Appropriate for a person who:
    - ❖ Has a Bachelor's Degree
    - ❖ Has passed all MTEs required for the license
    - ❖ For licenses that do not have a subject matter test, pass a competency review
    - ❖ Seeks a license as a core academic teacher and does not have the SEI Endorsement
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# Initial License

- ❖ Valid for five years of employment
  - ❖ Can be extended once for an additional five years
  - ❖ Appropriate for a person who:
    - ❖ Has a Bachelor's Degree
    - ❖ Has passed all MTELs required for the license
    - ❖ Has completed an approved educator preparation program in Massachusetts, or
    - ❖ Is an applicant from out of state and has completed an approved educator preparation program or, for at least three of the last seven years has been employed under a valid teaching license in another state.
  - ❖ Must hold SEI Endorsement (for core academic teachers, principal/assistant principal and supervisor/director)
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# Professional License

- ❖ Valid for five years, regardless of amount of time teaching under the license.
  - ❖ Must be renewed every 5 years
  - ❖ Must have at least three years teaching under the initial license
  - ❖ Must complete a one-year induction program with a mentor and 50 hours of mentored experience beyond the induction year.
  - ❖ Must hold SEI Endorsement (for core academic teachers, principal/assistant principal and supervisor/director)
  - ❖ Must have a Masters Degree or complete another advanced graduate program in an academic discipline appropriate to the license sought. (There may be alternatives to Masters Degree on advanced program depending on the license sought).
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# Emergency License

- Valid for Employment in the 2020-2021 School Year
  - Will expire June 30, 2021
  - This license was meant to assist candidates impacted by COVID and who have been unable to complete license requirements, such as taking and passing the MTEL
  - When license expires, to continue teaching in a Massachusetts public school, you will need to get a Provisional or Initial License
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# Renewing a Professional License

- ❖ PDP's
  - ❖ Renewals of licenses expiring before July 1, 2016
  - ❖ Individual professional development plans (IPDP)\* must include at least 150 PDPs for the designated Primary Area. At least 120 of the PDPs must be in the content area of the license or in pedagogy directly related to the educator's primary license, with at least 90 of these PDPs in the content area of the educator's primary license.
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# Renewing a Professional License - PDPs

- ❖ For Renewals of licenses expiring on or after July 1, 2016, Professional development activities must include at least 150 PDPs including:
    - ❖ At least 15 PDPs related to SEI or English as a Second Language.
    - ❖ At least 15 PDPs related to training in strategies for effective schooling for students with disabilities and instruction of students with diverse learning styles.
    - ❖ At least 90 PDPs in the content area of the license or in pedagogy, with no less than 60 PDPs in or related to the content area of the educator's primary license.
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# SEI Endorsement

- ❖ Core Academic Teachers (early childhood, elementary, teachers of students with moderate and severe disabilities, English, reading, language arts, mathematics, science, civics and government, economics, history, and geography)
  - ❖ Academic Administrators (principal/assistant principal or supervisor/director only)
  - ❖ As of July 1, 2016, school districts must ensure that ELLs are assigned to core academic teachers who have obtained the SEI Endorsement, or are required to obtain the Endorsement within a year of the assignment.
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# Pathways to SEI Endorsement

- ❖ Enroll in and successfully complete a for-cost course sponsored by an ESE-approved vendor; OR
  - ❖ Complete a Massachusetts-approved educator preparation program for the applicable license; OR
  - ❖ Take and pass the SEI MTEL; OR
  - ❖ Hold an ESL/ELL license in Massachusetts; OR
  - ❖ Possess a Bachelor's degree in an ESE-approved major or ESE-approved graduate-level training. \*If you believe that you may qualify for the Endorsement by virtue of having the appropriate degree or graduate level training, you may submit materials to the Office of Educator Licensure for review.
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# Waivers

- ❖ Waivers are valid for one year.
  - ❖ Additional waivers beyond one year are only granted if the educator demonstrates continuous progress towards licensure.
  - ❖ If you are teaching under a waiver, the year will not count toward professional teacher status.
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# REFERENCES

[www.mass.gov/ese/licensure](http://www.mass.gov/ese/licensure)

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