

Educator Licensure

Your License
is
Your Responsibility!

Types of Licenses

- ❖ Temporary
- ❖ Preliminary
- ❖ Initial
- ❖ Professional

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

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 as license as a core academic teacher and does not have the SEI Endorsement

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 at least three of the last seven years has been employed under a valid teaching license in another state.

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

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.

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.

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.

Pathways to SEI Endorsement

- ❖ Enroll in and successfully complete the [ESE no-cost SEI Endorsement course](#), if eligible; OR
- ❖ 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

REFERENCES

www.mass.gov/ese/licensure