EDUCATOR LICENSURE
Effective July 1, 2024

TIER 1
Bachelor’s Degree
or falls under exemption from Bachelor’s Degree

Special Education:
A teacher is limited to a total of 3 years on a Tier 1 license in any special education licensure field

1 YEAR JOB OFFER 3 RENEWALS

TIER 2
Bachelor’s Degree
or falls under exemption from Bachelor’s Degree

ONE of the following:
Enrolled in a teacher preparation program in Minnesota*

2 YEARS JOB OFFER 3 RENEWALS

Bachelor’s Degree
or falls under exemption from Bachelor’s Degree

and

TIER 3
Bachelor’s Degree
or falls under exemption from Bachelor’s Degree

and

ONE of the following:
Completed a teacher preparation program in Minnesota*

3 YEARS TEACHER APPLIES UNLIMITED RENEWALS

Bachelor’s Degree
or falls under exemption from Bachelor’s Degree

and

Pass applicable licensure exams
or falls under exemption from licensure exams

and

3 years of teaching experience*

and

TIER 4
Bachelor’s Degree
or falls under exemption from Bachelor’s Degree

and

ONE of the following:
Completed a teacher preparation program in Minnesota*

5 YEARS TEACHER APPLIES UNLIMITED RENEWALS

Bachelor’s Degree
or falls under exemption from Bachelor’s Degree

and

Pass applicable licensure exams
or falls under exemption from licensure exams

and

3 years of teaching experience*

and

EXEMPTIONS FROM BACHELOR’S DEGREE:
- CTE & Career Pathways: Hold an AA degree*, professional certification*, or 5 years of relevant work experience*
- Dance, Theater, Visual Arts, & Music: 5 years of relevant work experience*
- World Language & Culture: Native speaker of language

EXEMPTIONS FROM LICENSURE EXAMS:
- Completed a teacher preparation program in Minnesota
- Completed a teacher preparation program in another state and passed applicable exams
- Recommended for licensure via portfolio
- Holds National Board Certification

Note: * indicates that experience must be aligned to licensure field sought

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