

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

and

ONE of the following:

Enrolled in a teacher preparation program in Minnesota*

Master's Degree*

Completed a teacher preparation program* but does not yet meet requirements for a Tier 3 or Tier 4 license



2 YEARS



JOB OFFER



3 RENEWALS

TIER 3

Bachelor's Degree

or falls under exemption from Bachelor's Degree

and

Pass applicable licensure exams

or falls under exemption from licensure exams

and

ONE of the following:

Completed a teacher preparation program in Minnesota*

Completed a teacher preparation program in another state* and either:
(A) Equivalent student teaching or
(B) Two years of teaching experience

Licensure via Portfolio*

3 years of teaching experience in licensure field with a Tier 2 license

Professional teaching license from another state* and two years of teaching experience*



3 YEARS



TEACHER APPLIES



UNLIMITED RENEWALS

TIER 4

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

ONE of the following:

Completed a teacher preparation program in Minnesota*

Completed a teacher preparation program in another state* and either:
(A) Equivalent student teaching or
(B) Two years of teaching experience

Licensure via Portfolio*

National Board Certification*



5 YEARS



TEACHER APPLIES



UNLIMITED RENEWALS

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