

## Certification Expectations by State

State or Territory	State Website(s)	Certification Areas	Certification Tests	Application Fees	Other Requirements	Helpful Links
Rhode Island	<a href="#">Rhode Island Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Office of Educator Excellence and Certification Services – Educator Certification</a>	<a href="#">Certificate Areas and Requirements</a>	<a href="#">Required Tests</a>	Initial Educator Certificate: \$100 for first certification area		<a href="#">How to Get Certified</a> (Initial licensure)  <a href="#">Reciprocity</a> (Already licensed in another state)
Alabama	<a href="#">Alabama State Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Office of Teaching and Leading</a>	<a href="#">Certification Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	\$30		<a href="#">Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field</a> (Initial Licensure)  <a href="#">Reciprocity</a> (Already licensed in another state)  <a href="#">Types of Certificates</a>
Alaska	<a href="#">Alaska</a>	<a href="#">Available</a>	<a href="#">Content Area</a>	Initial		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a>

	<a href="#">Department of Education and Early Development</a>  <a href="#">Teacher Certification</a>	<a href="#">Endorsements</a>	<a href="#">Testing Requirements</a>  <a href="#">Basic Competency Exam Requirement</a>	Two-Year of Three-Year Teacher Certificate: \$200		(Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)  <a href="#">Certificate Types</a>
Arizona	<a href="#">Arizona Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Certification and Career</a>	<a href="#">Certification Requirements</a>	<a href="#">Required Educators Exams</a>  <a href="#">Out-of-State Exam Equivalents</a>	Single Certification Area Fee: \$60		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Initial Licensure)  <a href="#">Reciprocity</a> (Already licensed in another state)
Arkansas	<a href="#">Arkansas Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">The Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensure</a>	<a href="#">License Categories</a>	<a href="#">Licensure Assessments</a>	First Time License: \$75		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Initial Licensure)  <a href="#">Reciprocity</a> (Already licensed in another state)
California	<a href="#">California</a>	<a href="#">Certificate</a>	<a href="#">Required</a>	Preliminary	.	<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a>

	<a href="#">Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Commission on Teacher Credentialing</a>	<a href="#">Requirements</a>	<a href="#">Assessments</a>	Credential: \$100		(Initial Licensure)  <a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Already licensed in another state)
Colorado	<a href="#">Colorado Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Licensing</a>	<a href="#">Endorsement Requirements</a>	<a href="#">Exam Requirements</a>	First License: \$110		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)
Connecticut	<a href="#">Connecticut State Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Bureau of Certification</a>	<a href="#">Certification Areas</a>  <a href="#">Types of Certificates</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	Initial Educator Certificate: \$200	Applicants must meet the Core Academic Skills Requirement through taking the SAT, ACT, GRE or Praxis CORE.  <a href="#">Teachers must earn a</a>	<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Initial Licensure)  <a href="#">Educators from Other States</a> (Already licensed in another state)  <a href="#">Forms</a>  <a href="#">CT Teacher Certification Guide</a>

					<a href="#">master's degree to qualify for a professional certificate.</a>	<a href="#">Certification FAQ's</a>
Delaware	<a href="#">Delaware Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">DOE Licensure and Certification Office</a>	<a href="#">Types of Certificates</a>	<a href="#">Required Tests</a>	One-time \$100 application fee, which is reimbursable upon employment in a Delaware public or charter school when the educator is fully licensed and certified		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants (Initial Licensure)</a>  <a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants (Already licensed in another state)</a>  <a href="#">New Delaware Educators</a>

Washington, DC	<a href="#">Office of the State Superintendent of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Credentialing and Certification</a>	<a href="#">Certification Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	\$50	Basic skills knowledge must be demonstrated by a 3.0 or higher grade-point average earned for a completed bachelor's degree OR by submitting passing scores achieved for the reading, writing and mathematics portion of an approved basic skills exam.	<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Initial Licensure)  <a href="#">Reciprocity</a> (Already licensed in another state)  <a href="#">Types of Certification</a>
Florida	<a href="#">Florida Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Certification</a>	<a href="#">Certificate Subjects</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	Initial Certificate: \$75		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Initial Licensure)  <a href="#">Reciprocity</a> (Already licensed in another state) <a href="#">Certificate Types</a>

Georgia	<a href="#">Georgia Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Georgia Professional Standards Commission</a>	<a href="#">Certificate Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification and Licensure Assessments</a>	Five Year Induction Certificate: \$20		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)
Hawaii	<a href="#">Hawaii State Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Licensure and Certification</a>	<a href="#">Provisional License Requirements</a>	<a href="#">Required Assessments</a>	There are no fees associated with teaching applications		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)  <a href="#">Forms</a>
Idaho	<a href="#">Idaho Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Certification</a>		<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	Out-of-State Application: \$75	.	<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)
Illinois	<a href="#">Illinois State Board of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator</a>	<a href="#">Licensure Areas</a>	<a href="#">Testing Requirements</a>	Professional Educator License:\$150		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)

	<a href="#">Licensure</a>					
Indiana	<a href="#">Indiana Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Licensing</a>	<a href="#">License Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	First time licensure: \$70 (plus processing)	.	<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)  <a href="#">Verification of Work Experience Form</a>
Iowa	<a href="#">Iowa Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Licensure</a>	<a href="#">Endorsement Requirements</a>	No testing requirements	Initial License: \$120		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)  <a href="#">License Types</a>
Kansas	<a href="#">Kansas State Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Teacher Licensure</a>	<a href="#">Certification Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	Initial License: \$60	Beginning July 1, 2028, Kansas veteran educators serving in <a href="#">these positions</a> will be required to demonstrate	<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)

					knowledge of the science of reading to renew their professional license.	
Kentucky	<a href="#">Kentucky Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Certification</a>	<a href="#">Approved Teaching Certificates</a>	<a href="#">Licensure Testing Requirements</a>	\$85		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)
Louisiana	<a href="#">Louisiana Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Certification</a>		<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	<a href="#">Initial Certification: \$50</a>	Applicants from other states must already hold a teaching certificate in order to be considered for certification in Louisiana.	<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Initial Licensure)  <a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Already licensed in another state)
Maine	<a href="#">Maine Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Certification and Credentialing</a>	<a href="#">Certification Requirements</a> (under construction as of 4/8/25)	<a href="#">Required Tests</a>	Initial Teacher Application: \$100		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)  <a href="#">Forms and Resources</a>



						<a href="#">How to Submit an Initial Application</a>  <a href="#">Maine FAQ's</a>
Maryland	<a href="#">MD Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Division of Educator Effectiveness</a>	<a href="#">Licensure Areas</a>  <a href="#">License Types</a>	<a href="#">Required Tests</a>	A \$10 processing fee is required for the issuance of a license	Candidates who will graduate on or after July 1, 2025, MUST take one of the <a href="#">performance-based assessments for licensure</a> .	<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)
Massachusetts	<a href="#">Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education</a>  <a href="#">Office of Educator Licensure</a>	<a href="#">Certification Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	The first license application fee is \$100.00. Additional license applications are \$25.00 each.	Candidates seeking a first PreK–12 license must achieve a <a href="#">passing score on both subtests of the MTEL Communication and Literacy Skills test AND any relevant</a>	<a href="#">How to Obtain an Academic PreK-12 License</a>  <a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)  <a href="#">MA Verification Form</a>  <a href="#">Forms, Guides and Regulations</a>

					<a href="#">Academic PreK-12 subject matter test(s).</a>	<a href="#">Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL)</a>  <a href="#">Supporting Documents</a>  <a href="#">MA FAQ's and Glossary of Terms</a>  <a href="#">MA Teacher License Types/General Requirements</a>
Michigan	<a href="#">Michigan Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Certification</a>	<a href="#">Available Endorsement Areas</a>	<a href="#">Out-of-state candidates</a> must submit an application to determine their testing requirements	Interim Teaching Certificate: \$160	.	<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)
Minnesota	<a href="#">Minnesota Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Minnesota</a>	<a href="#">Certification Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	Initial/First Time Minnesota Educator License		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)

	<a href="#">Professional Licensing and Standards Board</a>			Application Fee: \$90.25		<a href="#">Types of Licenses</a>
Mississippi	<a href="#">Mississippi Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Licensure</a>		<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>			<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)  <a href="#">Institutional Program Validation</a>
Missouri	<a href="#">Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Certification</a>	<a href="#">Certification Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	Initial License Application: \$100	Applicants are recommended to obtain a teaching certification in the state in which they complete their Educator Preparation Program, then apply with the Non-Missouri Graduate application. If applicants lack a valid	<a href="#">Out-of-State Certified Applicants</a>

					<p>out-of-state certification, the should apply with an out of state Institutional Recommendation. The state evaluates transcripts to compare them to Missouri programs. This usually leads to completing additional coursework and taking Missouri assessments.</p>	
Montana	<a href="#">Montana Office of Public Instruction</a>  <a href="#">Educator Licensure</a>	<a href="#">Endorsement Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	<a href="#">First Time Class 2 License</a> : \$80		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)
Nebraska	<a href="#">Nebraska Department of Education</a>	<a href="#">Endorsement Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	\$65		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already

	<a href="#">Educator Certification</a>					certified in another state)  <a href="#">Types of Certificates</a>
Nevada	<a href="#">Nevada Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Licensure</a>	<a href="#">Certification Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	<a href="#">New Applications:</a> \$200		<a href="#">First-Time Applicants</a> (Initial Licensure)  <a href="#">Reciprocity</a> (Already licensed in another state)  <a href="#">Types of Licenses</a>
New Jersey	<a href="#">New Jersey Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Office of Recruitment, Preparation and Certification</a>		<a href="#">Testing Requirements for Certification</a>	Limited Certificate with Advanced Standing: \$170-\$190	<a href="#">Basic Skills Requirement</a>  <a href="#">GPA and Praxis Flexibility</a>	<a href="#">First-Time Applicants</a> (Initial Licensure)  <a href="#">Reciprocity</a> (Already licensed in another state)  <a href="#">NJ Educators Page</a>  <a href="#">NJ Certification FAQs</a>  <a href="#">Verification of Program Completion</a>

						<a href="#">CE-EPP's FORM</a>  <a href="#">Record of Professional Experience</a>
New Hampshire	<a href="#">New Hampshire Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Bureau of Credentialing</a>		<a href="#">Testing Information</a>  <a href="#">Required Tests</a>	Beginning Educator License is \$120 per endorsement	Candidates seeking initial teacher licensure must show <a href="#">Basic Academic Skills</a> in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. This may be demonstrated through scores on the Pearson, Praxis CORE or SAT/ACT scores.	<a href="#">First-Time Applicants</a>  <a href="#">Reciprocity</a> (Already licensed in another state)  <a href="#">Out-of-State Approved Educator Preparation Program Licensure</a>  <a href="#">Application Processing Information</a>
New Mexico	<a href="#">New Mexico Public Education Department</a>  <a href="#">Licensure Bureau</a>	<a href="#">Certification Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	Initial Application: \$150		<a href="#">Reciprocity</a>  <a href="#">Types of Licenses</a>

New York	<a href="#">NYS Education Department</a>  <a href="#">Office of Teaching Initiatives</a>	<a href="#">Certification Requirements</a>  <a href="#">NY Certification Page</a>	<a href="#">NYS Teacher Certification Examinations</a>  <a href="#">Certification Exam Waiver</a>	Initial Certificate: \$50	Initial Certificate holders must obtain their masters within five years to earn <a href="#">professional certification</a>	<a href="#">Applicants from Other States</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)  <a href="#">NY Certification from Start to Finish</a>
North Carolina	<a href="#">NC State Board of Education</a>		<a href="#">Required Tests</a>	Out-of-State Initial Educator: \$100		<a href="#">NC Educator's License</a>  <a href="#">Forms and FAQ's</a>  <a href="#">Verification of Approved Education Program</a>
North Dakota	<a href="#">North Dakota Department of Public Instruction</a>  <a href="#">North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board</a>		<a href="#">Core Academic Skills Tests</a>  <a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	<a href="#">Transcript Review</a> : \$175		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)
Ohio	<a href="#">Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</a>		<a href="#">Licensure Testing Requirements</a>	Professional Teaching License: \$200		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another

	<a href="#">Educator Licensure</a>					state)  <a href="#">Types of Licenses</a>
Oklahoma	<a href="#">Oklahoma State Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Office of Teacher Certification</a>		<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>  <a href="#">Out-of-State Test Review</a>	\$50		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants (Initial Licensure)</a>  <a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants (Already licensed in another state)</a>
Oregon	<a href="#">Oregon Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Teacher Standards and Practices Commission</a>	<a href="#">Certification Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	Reciprocal Teaching: \$247		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)</a>  <a href="#">Types of Licenses</a>
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">Pennsylvania Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality</a>	<a href="#">Types of Certificates</a>	<a href="#">Required Tests</a>  <a href="#">PECT</a>  <a href="#">LTI/ACTFL</a>	Out-of-State Program: \$260		<a href="#">Out-of-State Educators (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)</a>
South Carolina	<a href="#">South Carolina</a>	<a href="#">Certificate</a>	<a href="#">Required</a>	\$105		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a>



	<a href="#">Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Services</a>	<a href="#">Areas Certification</a>	<a href="#">Certification Assessments</a>			(Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)  <a href="#">Certificate Types</a> <a href="#">Verification of Educator Preparation Form</a>
South Dakota	<a href="#">South Dakota Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Certification</a>		<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	Initial Educator Certificate: \$60	Applicants from other states must already hold a teaching certificate in order to be considered for certification in South Dakota.	<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a>
Tennessee	<a href="#">Tennessee Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Licensure and Preparation</a>	<a href="#">Endorsement Areas</a>	<a href="#">Required Assessments</a>	NA	Candidates seeking to obtain a teaching license with at least one qualifying endorsement ( <a href="#">listed here</a> ) must demonstrate compliance	<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)  <a href="#">Types of Licenses</a> <a href="#">Out-of-State Educator Preparation Verification Form</a>

					with <a href="#">Tennessee Literacy Success Act requirements</a> .	
Texas	<a href="#">Texas Education Agency</a>  <a href="#">Certification</a>	<a href="#">Certification Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	<a href="#">Review of Credentials: \$164</a>	Applicants from other states <u>must already hold a teaching certificate</u> in order to be considered for certification in Texas.	<a href="#">Types of Certificates</a>
Utah	<a href="#">Utah State Board of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Licensing</a>	<a href="#">Certification Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	There are no application fees	Out-of-state applicants should: obtain a license in their state before applying for the License Equivalency Review to transfer the license <u>OR</u> apply to Utah for an <a href="#">Associate Educator</a>	

					<a href="#">License</a> and complete an alternative pathway to earn the license (while teaching) such as the <a href="#">Alternative Pathway to Professional Educator License</a> OR enroll in a university preparation program to earn the license (i.e. earn a Master's degree)	
Vermont	<a href="#">VT Agency of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator Licensure</a>	<a href="#">Certification Areas</a>	<a href="#">Certification Tests</a>	Initial License: \$200	Individuals seeking licensure in Vermont must demonstrate proficiency in the basic skills of reading, writing, and	<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Initial Licensure)  <a href="#">Reciprocity</a> (Already licensed in another state)

					<p>mathematics. Most educators do so by successfully passing the Praxis Core or by providing qualifying scores on previous assessments such as the SAT</p>	
Virginia	<a href="#">Virginia Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Teaching, Learning and Assessment</a>		<a href="#">Assessment Requirements</a>	Out-of-State Initial License: \$150		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)  <a href="#">Types of Licenses</a>
Washington	<a href="#">Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction</a>  <a href="#">Certification</a>		<a href="#">Testing Requirements</a>	Residency Teacher Certificate (first issue):\$93		<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state, except Wisconsin and Ohio)  <a href="#">Reciprocity</a>

						<a href="#">Certificate Types</a> <a href="#">Certification Forms</a>
West Virginia	<a href="#">West Virginia Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Educator and Staff Development</a>		<a href="#">Licensure Testing Directory</a>	Professional Teaching Certificate (Out-of State):\$100	.	<a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state) <a href="#">Types of Certificates</a> <a href="#">Character Reference Form</a> <a href="#">Release of Background Check Information</a>
Wisconsin	<a href="#">Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction</a>  <a href="#">Licensing</a>	<a href="#">Certification Areas</a>	<a href="#">Out-of-state pathway testing</a>	Out-of-State Educator: \$175		<a href="#">Out-of-State Program Completers</a> (Initial Licensure)  <a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Already licensed in another state)  <a href="#">License Types</a>
Wyoming	<a href="#">Wyoming Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Wyoming Professional</a>	<a href="#">Endorsement Areas</a>	<a href="#">Testing Requirements</a>	Initial License, Out-of-State Program Completers: \$225		<a href="#">Out-of-State Teacher Programs</a> (Initial Licensure)  <a href="#">Out-of-State Applicants</a> (Already licensed in

	<a href="#">Teaching Standards Board</a>					another state)
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