

Certification Expectations by State

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

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

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

					<u>master's degree to qualify for a professional certificate.</u>	<u>Certification FAQ's</u>
Delaware	<u>Delaware Department of Education</u> <u>DOE Licensure and Certification Office</u>	<u>Types of Certificates</u>	<u>Required Tests</u>	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		<u>Out-of-State Applicants</u> (Initial Licensure) <u>Out-of-State Applicants</u> (Already licensed in another state) <u>New Delaware Educators</u>

Washington, DC	Office of the State Superintendent of Education Educator Credentialing and Certification	Certification Areas	Certification Tests	\$50	<p>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.</p>	Out-of-State Applicants (Initial Licensure) Reciprocity (Already licensed in another state) Types of Certification
Florida	Florida Department of Education Educator Certification	Certificate Subjects	Certification Tests	Initial Certificate: \$75		Out-of-State Applicants (Initial Licensure) Reciprocity (Already licensed in another state) Certificate Types

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

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

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

						How to Submit an Initial Application Maine FAQ's
Maryland	MD Department of Education Division of Educator Effectiveness	Licensure Areas License Types	Required Tests	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 performance-based assessments for licensure .	Out-of-State Applicants (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Office of Educator Licensure	Certification Areas	Certification Tests	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 passing score on both subtests of the MTEL Communication and Literacy Skills test AND any relevant	How to Obtain an Academic PreK-12 License Out-of-State Applicants (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state) MA Verification Form Forms, Guides and Regulations

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

	<u>Professional Licensing and Standards Board</u>			Application Fee: \$90.25		<u>Types of Licenses</u>
Mississippi	<u>Mississippi Department of Education</u> <u>Educator Licensure</u>		<u>Certification Tests</u>			<u>Out-of-State Applicants</u> (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state) <u>Institutional Program Validation</u>
Missouri	<u>Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education</u> <u>Educator Certification</u>	<u>Certification Areas</u>	<u>Certification Tests</u>	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	<u>Out-of-State Certified Applicants</u>

					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.	
Montana	Montana Office of Public Instruction Educator Licensure	Endorsement Areas	Certification Tests	First Time Class 2 License: \$80		Out-of-State Applicants (Both initial licensure and those already certified in another state)
Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Education	Endorsement Areas	Certification Tests	\$65		Out-of-State Applicants (Both initial licensure and those already

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

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

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

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

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

					with Tennessee Literacy Success Act requirements .	
Texas	Texas Education Agency Certification	Certification Areas	Certification Tests	Review of Credentials: \$164	Applicants from other states <u>must already hold a teaching certificate</u> in order to be considered for certification in Texas.	Types of Certificates
Utah	Utah State Board of Education Educator Licensing	Certification Areas	Certification Tests	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 Associate Educator	

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

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

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

	<u>Teaching Standards Board</u>					another state)
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