

# EDUCATOR LICENSURE

Effective July 1, 2024

## TIER 1

Bachelor's Degree

or falls under exemption from Bachelor's Degree



1 YEAR



JOB OFFER



3 RENEWALS

### Special Education:

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

## 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:

- Career and Technical Education & Career Pathways: Hold an Associate's 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