

Out-of-State Educator Assessment Waiver for Practitioner 1st Issuance License Renewal or Advancement

This form **must** be uploaded to [TNCompass](#) in the *Attachments* section on the *Licensure* tab of the educator's profile. **This form will not be accepted by mail or by email.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Public school teachers teaching in the area of endorsement on an active license* <p><i>*if the educator holds an out-of-state active professional license, this form is not required</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Directors of Schools for Tennessee public school districts ❖ Directors of Schools/School Directors of Tennessee public charter schools |

In accordance with the passage of Section 2 of [Chapter 125 of the Public Acts of 2021](#), which amends TCA 49-5-108(c)(5)(C), this form may be submitted in lieu of qualifying scores on required professional assessments by an educator seeking to renew or advance a Practitioner 1st Issuance license that was issued on the basis of the educator holding an active professional-level license in a state other than Tennessee at the time of application for initial Tennessee licensure.

- Option 1: The educator received a level of overall effectiveness (LOE) of *above expectations* or *significantly above expectations* during the two (2) years immediately following the issuance of the educator's Practitioner 1st Issuance license.
- Option 2: If the educator did not receive a level of overall effectiveness (LOE) during one (1) or both of the two (2) years immediately following the issuance of the educator's Practitioner 1st Issuance license, then the educator may choose to:
 - Use the educator's most recent LOE that is available to demonstrate an effectiveness level of "above expectations" or "significantly above expectations," **in which case Director Signature is not required;**

OR

 - request that the director of schools or director of a public charter school submit a recommendation to the department on the educator's effectiveness. If a director submits a recommendation to the department attesting to the effectiveness of the educator, the department shall consider the requirements to be met and shall not require the educator to take an assessment to renew or advance the Practitioner 1st Issuance license. **The recommendation must be completed on this form and will not be accepted in any other format.**

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| Educator First Name | Educator Last Name | Teacher License Number |
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Director of Schools Recommendation

By signing below, the director of schools or director of a public charter school hereby:

1. Affirms that the educator named above is seeking to renew or advance a Tennessee Practitioner 1st Issuance license that was issued on the basis of the educator holding an active professional-level license in a state other than Tennessee at the time of application for initial Tennessee licensure; **and**
2. Recommends to the department, on the basis of attesting to the effectiveness of the educator, that the department not require the educator to take an assessment to renew or advance the Practitioner 1st Issuance license.

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| Director Name | District Name |
| Director Signature (inked or verified digital signature required) | Date |