
Renewal of Teacher Licenses Policy

The Background:

At the August 16, 2013 Board meeting, the Board voted to amend rules on licensure. Most of the rules were to become effective on August 1, 2015. However, the rule on renewal of licenses (Rule 0520-02-04-.14) was to be effective immediately. Counsel to the Board submitted this rule to the Secretary of State. However, it was rejected by the Attorney General's Office because deleting the current language in the rule would act as a vacuum for individuals eligible for renewal prior to August 1, 2015. This policy supplements the amendment to give guidance to license holders who will renew prior to August 1, 2015.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends adoption of this item on final reading.

Licensure Renewal Transition Policy

License Renewal

Until August 1, 2015, license renewal will be implemented according to the following provisions.

- **Professional License.**

- A professional license issued on a bachelor's degree is renewable upon verification of completion of ninety (90) renewal points within the ten (10) year period prior to the date of the renewal of the license. Renewal points are defined in the License Renewal Guide.
- A professional license issued on a master's degree or above is renewable upon the presentation of evidence of five (5) years experience within the ten (10) year period prior to the date of renewal of the license. In the absence of five (5) years of experience, the license is renewable upon verification of completion of ninety (90) renewal points within the ten (10) year period prior to the date of the renewal of the license.

- **Apprentice License.**

- The holder of an apprentice teacher license who has three (3) years acceptable experience in a Tennessee public school during the period of license validity but who lacks the required positive evaluation to move to the professional teacher license shall be reissued the apprentice teacher license.
- An apprentice teacher license issued on a bachelor's degree is renewable upon verification of completion of forty-five (45) renewal points within the five (5) year period prior to the date of the renewal of the license. Renewal points are defined in the License Renewal Guide.
- An apprentice teacher license issued on a master's degree or above is renewable upon the presentation of evidence of three (3) years experience within the five (5) year period prior to the date of the renewal of the license.

- **Transitional License.**

- The transitional license may be reissued two (2) times, as necessary for program completion, provided that the teacher has received a successful evaluation and is making adequate progress

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in completing the professional development requirements of the transitional teacher preparation program.

- **Interim B.**

- An individual may be reissued an interim B license one time provided that director school states intent to employ and a second time if the director verifies that the individual meets the criteria state in TCA 49-5-5605.

- **Interim D.**

- The interim D license for Interns may be reissued two times; an intern may teach using the license for the equivalent of no more than one school year.

- **Adjunct Licenses.**

- Applicants may renew an adjunct license annually but not more than nine times provided that the director of schools state intent to employ and provided that the applicant has received a successful evaluation in the preceding year. Before the first renewal, the applicant must have passed all required licensure examinations.