



SEI ENDORSEMENT AND LICENSURE

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In 2012, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) established a requirement for core academic teachers (CATS), educators assigned English learners and administrators who supervised/evaluated CATS to obtain a Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) Endorsement. The endorsement requirement was phased in over several years. The DESE offered no-cost courses that would lead to the endorsement from 2012-2016.

In 2018, the DESE expanded the SEI Endorsement requirement to career vocational-technical education (CVTE) teachers who are assigned English learners and administrators who supervise/evaluate them. The implementation of the SEI Endorsement for this group of educators is similar to that used in 2012. Specific details for each program are provided below.

Core Academic Teachers & Administrators

2012-2016 Cohort Years

Districts with English learners were assigned to cohorts for the purposes of SEI Endorsement training. Between 2012 and 2016, no-cost SEI Endorsement courses were available for educators assigned to the district's cohort years. Core academic teachers of English learners and administrators who supervise or evaluate CATS of ELs were required to obtain the SEI Endorsement by the end of the cohort years. Educators who failed to obtain the SEI Endorsement by the end of their assigned cohort years were unable to extend, advance or renew their licenses until the SEI Endorsement was obtained.

July 1, 2016

All core academic teachers of ELs and all administrators who are supervising and evaluating core academic teachers of ELs must hold the SEI Endorsement or obtain the SEI Endorsement within one calendar year of receiving their first EL student. Failure to obtain the SEI Endorsement within one year of assignment of an EL may impact employment.

Academic – Initial License

As of July 1, 2014, educators who apply for a first Initial license as a core academic teacher and/or a first license as an administrator are required to hold the SEI Endorsement. Approved educator preparation programs are required to embed the SEI Endorsement within the program.

Professional License Renewal

Academic as of July 1, 2016

150 PDPs for Primary License:

Content	15
Pedagogy	15
ESL/SEI	15
Special Education	15
Elective	max 90

Career Vocational-Technical Education Teachers & Administrators

Spring-Fall 2019 Cohort Year

CVTE teachers who were assigned one or more English learners in the 2017-2018 school year have been assigned to the 2019 cohort year. These CVTE teachers and their administrators/evaluators are eligible to enroll in a no-cost SEI Endorsement course. Educators assigned to the cohort who fail to obtain the SEI Endorsement by July 1, 2021, will be unable to extend, advance or renew their licenses until the SEI Endorsement is obtained.

No-cost courses for the SEI Endorsement will be available for these educators in spring and fall of 2019.

July 1, 2021

All CVTE teachers of ELs and all administrators who are supervising and evaluating CVTE teachers of ELs must hold the SEI Endorsement or obtain the SEI Endorsement within one calendar year of receiving their first EL student.

Vocational – Professional License

As of July 1, 2021, educators who apply for a first Professional license as a career vocational-technical education teacher or administrator are required to hold the SEI Endorsement. Educators may apply credits from an approved SEI Endorsement course to the 18 credits in the English, math and science requirement. The DESE will be revising the pathways to a Professional license in 2018-2019.

Professional License Renewal

Vocational as of July 1, 2021

150 PDPs for Primary License:

Subject Matter/Skills	10
Pedagogy	10
Academic/Vocational Curriculum Integration	10
Safety and Health	10
ESL/SEI	15
Special Education	15
Elective	max 80

Routes to SEI Endorsement

1. Completion of an approved course or education preparation program
2. Possession of an ESL teacher license
3. Passing score on the Sheltered English Immersion MTEL
4. DESE review of related coursework in ESL, SEI, linguistics or bilingual education

Questions? Visit the MTA RETELL Toolkit at www.massteacher.org/retell or send a question to licensure@massteacher.org or ggilardi@massteacher.org.

GLOSSARY

Administrator: Any administrator who supervises or evaluates a CAT or CVTE teacher who is assigned ELs.

Career Vocational-Technical Education Teacher (CVTE): A teacher of a program approved under MGL Chapter 74 and any other career and technical education program approved by DESE.

Cohort Year: The academic school year in which an educator is first eligible for a no-cost SEI Endorsement course. Educators are notified of assignment to a cohort year via letter from DESE.

Core Academic Teacher (CAT): Teacher of students with moderate disabilities; teachers of students with severe disabilities; subject area teachers in English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, civics and government, economics, history and geography, early childhood and elementary teachers.

English Learner (EL): A student who has been formally identified as speaking a language other than English at home and is unable to do ordinary coursework at grade level in English.

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