



Vocational Technical Educator Licensure, 2020-2022

A valid license or waiver is required for employment as a teacher in a Chapter 74 vocational technical program. The specific requirements for employment experience, occupational licensure and academic coursework requirements are different for each license field. All applications are managed through ELAR. Educators may use the [Licensure Requirements Tool](#) to explore the requirements for each license.

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COVID-19 Temporary Changes

Emergency License

[Extended to June 30, 2022](#). Available only for a first VTE or academic teacher license. Requires an application in ELAR and the occupational licenses/certificates for the field. More information is available at [from DESE on all Emergency licenses](#).

Automatic License Extensions – Emergency Order

Any active educator license as of March 18, 2020, that expires during the state of emergency [will remain valid until July 31, 2021](#). For Professional licenses that expired between March 18, 2020 and July 30, 2021, accounts in ELAR will be updated with new expiration date of July 31, 2021.

Hardship Waiver

Valid for one year only.

Districts must apply for waiver in ELAR. Educators need to submit an [application in ELAR](#) for the license and submit

- Degree transcript or diploma
- Evidence of 75% of prior work experience requirement
- Copy of valid occupational license or certification

2021-2022 Vocational Testing Dates & Registration Information

The test dates and registration deadlines for [Vocational Technical Teacher Testing Program](#) are available through Greater Lowell Vocational Technical High School. The [written exam outlines](#) and [performance exam resources](#) are available online.

General Chapter 74 Teacher License Requirements 603 CMR 4.07

Preliminary License

Valid for five years of employment. Refer to the DESE [Ch 74 Guide for Preliminary License](#) for specific requirements for each license.

- [Application](#) in ELAR
- Submit degree transcript or diploma
- Passing score on [Vocational Technical Literacy Skills Test](#) or [Communications and Literacy MTEL](#)
- Passing score on written and performance [vocational subject-area test](#)
- Possession of valid occupational license or certification
- Documentation of [employment experience](#) or [self-employment experience](#)

Preliminary Extension

May be [extended one time](#) for additional five years of employment.

Professional License

Valid for five calendar years. Refer to the DESE [Ch 74 Guide for Professional Licensure](#) for the specific requirements for each license.

- [Three years of employment](#) under same Preliminary license and district-based induction program
- Possession of valid occupational license or certification
- Six (6) Professional Education approved courses (18 credits) or [substitute](#)
- [Sheltered English Immersion](#) (SEI) Endorsement
- Academic Coursework (one of the following):
 - a) Possession of a bachelor's degree
 - b) 18 academic college credits: 3 credits each in in English, math and science; 9 credits in English, math, science, or the vocational subject
 - c) Possession of a degree higher than required at the Preliminary

Professional Renewal

Renew every five calendar years. Refer to the DESE [Ch 74 Guide for Professional Licensure Renewal](#) for the specific requirements for each license.

Note: The information in this document is for reference purposes only. Please check the specific requirements for your license(s) at www.doe.mass.edu/licensure.

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