

Professional Renewal

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Massachusetts Educator Licensure

The Center for Education Policy + Practice has created a variety of documents to support the application process for licenses issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Resources available on this page include original materials created by the Massachusetts Teachers Association and documents from DESE's Office of Educator Licensure.

DESE Office of Educator Licensure

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1. Literacy

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DESE Licensure Home

You are In Charge!

- Know the TYPE and STAGE of your license
- Know its FIELD and LEVEL
- How long it will be valid
- Hold the correct license(s) and endorsement(s) for your position
- Know requirements to advance or renew license
- Apply for each license and license renewal on time
- Check for updates and changes!
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 - www.doe.mass.edu/licensure



Licensure & Employment



LICENSE FIELDS & LEVELS

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO ACADEMIC LICENSE & ENDORSEMENTS

JUNE 2017 – 2023 AMENDMENTS

Licenses issued for fields and grade levels no longer offered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education remain valid for employment. Educators who are applying for a license for the first time will be eligible for the current license field and grade levels available. The requirements for each license application may have changed. Educators should verify the requirements for a license application at www.doe.mass.edu/licenseure.

Field	Old Level	Current Level	Notes on Changes
Teacher Licenseure – 603 CMR 7.04(3)(a)			
Biology	5-8-12	8-12	Levels eliminated
Business	---	5-12	
Chemistry	5-8-12	8-12	Levels eliminated
Dance	---	All	
Digital Literacy/Computer Science	5-12	PreK-6, 5-12	New PreK-6 license
Early Childhood	---	PreK-2	Formerly Early Childhood with & without disabilities
Earth and Space Science	5-8-12	8-12	Formerly Earth Science, levels eliminated
Elementary	---	1-6	
English	5-8-12	5-12	Single license for middle and high schools
English as a second language	---	PreK-6, 5-12	Option to add as Provisional license
Foreign Language	---	---	No longer issued; See World Languages
General Science	---	1-6, 5-8	
Health/Family & Consumer Sciences	1-6, 5-8, 12	All	Combined with Social Science
History/Social Science	All	---	Moved to Specialist Teacher Licenses
Instructional Technology	---	5-12	
Latin & Classical Humanities	---	All	
Library	---	1-6, 5-8, 8-12	
Mathematics	---	5-8	
Middle School: Humanities	---	5-8	
Middle School: Mathematics/Science	---	5-8	
Music	---	All	
Physical Education	---	PreK-8, 5-12	Levels eliminated
Physics	5-8, 8-12	8-12	Formerly Political Science/Political Philosophy, No longer issued.
Speech	---	All	
Teacher of Moderate Disabilities	PreK-8, 5-12	PreK-2, PreK-8, 5-12	New PreK-2 level

Inside the New ELAR

ELAR (Online Licensure System)

NEW USERS will need to create an ELAR profile.
EXISTING USERS who did not pre-register for ESF may need to reactivate account.
Learn more about ELAR, and gain access to the new Education Security Portal.

Administrative

Read help information for administrative users in the Education Security Portal.
To reactivate your existing DESE Security Portal account, contact your local [Directory Administrator](#) or submit a [Help ticket](#).
CAP users experiencing login issues should seek assistance by contacting their CAP Manager.

Portal messages:

Welcome to the MA Education Security Portal. If you need assistance, please view our [help and support information](#).

***** Update ***** Systems maintenance has been scheduled for the following day/time:

Day: Thursday, January 16, 2025
Time: From 5:30 PM to, potentially, 9:30 PM
During maintenance, users may experience intermittent connectivity. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please plan accordingly and thank you for your cooperation.

Message updated: January 09, 2025 09:30:02 PM

Log in to your account


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Forgot Username?

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**MA Education Security Portal**

Applications & ELAR





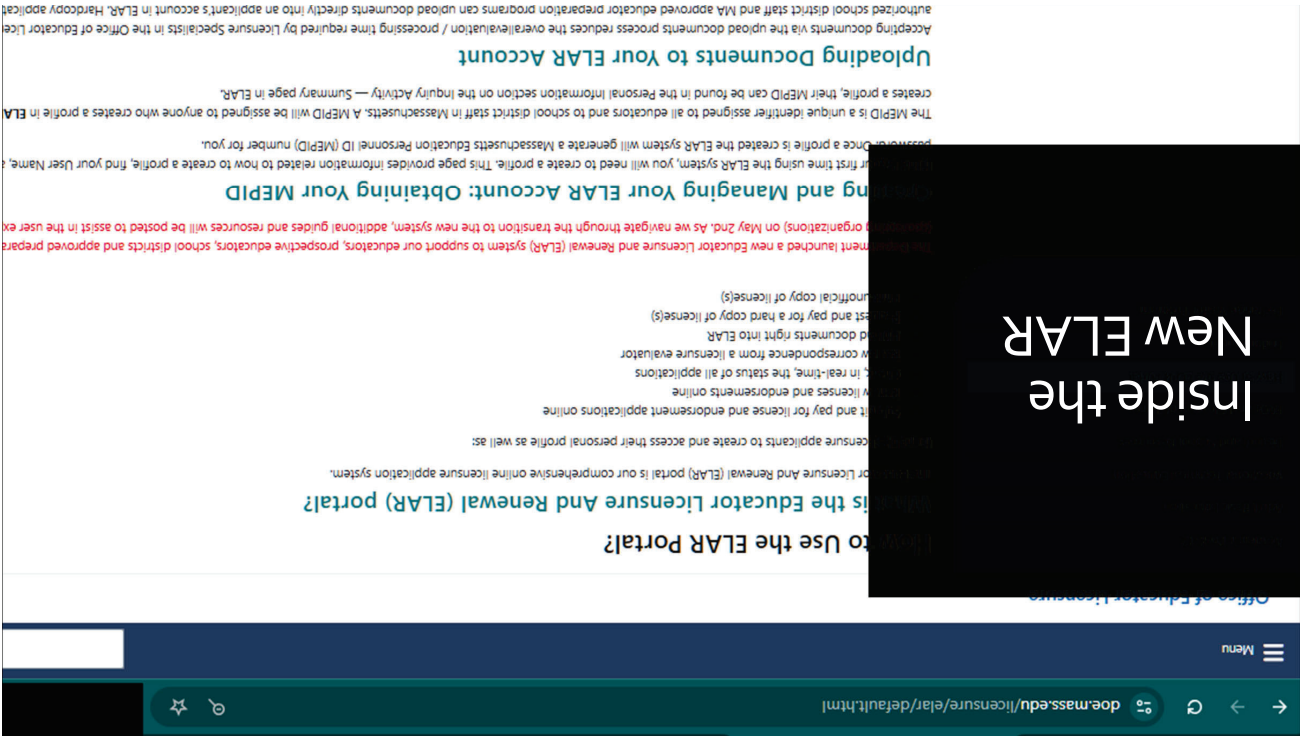
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Call Center

- 781-338-6600
- Monday – Friday
9am-12pm, 2pm-5pm
- Hours may vary

Walk-In Service

- 135 Santilli Highway,
Everett
- Monday – Friday
8:45am - 4:45pm
- Bring photo ID



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MEPID: The user MEPID

PN:

Full Name: Full name including prefix and suffix

Date of Birth:

Email (Primary): The email account associated to this user and used for system notifications or logging in

Test Account

Forgot your PIN?

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Personal Information

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Job Opportunity Opt In (Primary) primary email associated to your account. Review job opportunity communications to the

Job Opportunity Opt In (Secondary) secondary email associated to your account. Review job opportunity communications to the

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Inside the New ELAR

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ways to prepare and maintain requirement advisory

Application / ELAR Guides

Userguide: Notifications

Userguide: Uploading Documents

Educator License and Renewal Portal: Applicant User Guide

Emergency License Extension Application Package 2023

Extension of Initial License Guide and Template

License/Endorsement Application: Hardcopy Submission

Request for License Updates/Hard Copy o

See Forms, Guided & Regulations at

www.doe.mass.edu/licenses

Education Security Portal Help at

www.doe.mass.edu/esp/help.html

Inside the New ELAR

Inside ELAR: Tracking Applications + Documents

LICENSE AFFIDAVIT

- Have not appeared as a defendant in court
- Have not been identified as causing child abuse or neglect
- Have not been dismissed or resigned due to discipline or investigation
- Have not had any professional license revoked or denied
- Have paid all MA state taxes and child support
- Read and understand requirements to report child abuse or neglect under Ch. 51A of Massachusetts General Laws

Plus:

- A criminal background check may be conducted
- Must notify DESE within 10 days if any of the above changes

Always check with your local president if you have any concerns.

This a summary for informational purposes only. Read your application carefully!

- Have not been identified as causing child abuse or neglect
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- Have not had any professional license revoked or denied
- Have paid all MA state taxes and child support
- Read and understand requirements to report child abuse or neglect under Ch. 51A of Massachusetts General Laws

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- Must notify DSE within 10 days if any of the above changes

- Have not appeared as a defendant in court
- Have not been identified as causing child abuse or neglect
- Have not been dismissed or resigned due to discipline or investigation
- Have not had any professional license revoked or denied
- Have paid all MA state taxes and child support
- Read and understand requirements to report child abuse or neglect under Ch. 51A of Massachusetts General Laws

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Applications			
APPLICATION	STATUS	CREATED DATE	SUBMITTED DATE ACTIONS
ELAB 1.0 <small>Default Academic Teacher, Instructional Technology, All levels.</small>	Pending	2/5/2019	Refresh
ELAB 1.0 <small>Default Academic Teacher, Instructional Technology, All levels.</small>	Pending -	5/30/2023	
ELAB 1.0 <small>Default Academic Teacher, Instructional Technology, All levels.</small>	Resubmitted	5/30/2023	
ELAB 1.0 <small>Default Academic Teacher, Instructional Technology, All levels.</small>	Idle	5/2/2024	
ELAB 1.0 <small>Default Academic Teacher, Instructional Technology, All levels.</small>	Resubmitted	5/30/2023	
ELAB 1.0 <small>Default Academic Teacher, Instructional Technology, All levels.</small>	Withdrawn	5/17/2024	
ELAB 1.0 <small>Default Academic Teacher, Instructional Technology, All levels.</small>	Withdrawn	5/2/2024	
Academic Teacher <small>Pre-K-5 Initial Academic Specialist, Digital Library/Computer Science, All Levels, Emergency Extension</small>	Submitted	5/2/2024	

You have no announcements at this time.

License Next Steps 08/07/2023 02:39 AM

Quick Links

Activity feed

NEW ELAB 1.0 Application Market Pending 08/06/2023 PM

Your ELAB 1.0 application has been marked Pending.

Once there issues have been resolved, please login to the [ELAB](#) system and use the resubmit feature. Once the resubmit application has been created, go to the element(s) where corrections are needed to update the information.

For additional requirement information, please view the License Requirements Tool <https://elab2.com/Public/LicenseRequirements>

You will not lose your place in the queue or lose any of the data you have already submitted to the department.

- At least three full years of employment under the initial license completion of a one-year induction program with a mentor and 50 hours of mentored experience beyond the induction year.

You will need to submit this requirement before we can issue the license.

Additional notes from the evaluator:

**** Please note: Your initial ELA 5-12 license was issued on 8/7/2009. You have documented two years (2009-2011) of applicable employment ****

Your third year of employment remains to be documented. ****

Start an Application

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Initial to Professional

Academic License – Professional Application Requirements



As of May 20, 2025, the regulatory requirements for a Professional license application for teachers applying under the “12-Credit” option under 603 CMR 7.00, accepted towards a Professional License application for teachers applying under the “12-Credit” option under 603 CMR 7.00. All educator licenses are managed by the Office of Educator Licensure at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Please check the specific requirements for your license(s) at www.doe.mass.edu/licensure.

- General Requirements**
- ☐ Hold an initial license in the same field and grade level
 - ☐ Apply for the Professional License in ELAR and pay license application fee
 - ☐ Three years of employment in the role of the same Initial License
 - ☐ Completion of a district-based induction and mentoring program
 - ☐ One of the Following:
 - ☐ Completion of an approved program for the Professional License
 - ☐ Hold National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification
 - ☐ Hold any master's degree with 12-Credit Option
 - ☐ Hold a master's degree in the field of the license
- 12-Credit Option - Eligible Coursework**
- ☐ Appear on an official transcript from an accredited college/university
 - ☐ Awarded graduate-level or graduate credit
 - ☐ Not Eligible: Undergraduate credit or credits that satisfy requirements towards bachelor's degree
 - ☐ Contain the subject matter knowledge and/or pedagogy specific to the subject matter knowledge of the license. See the 12-Credit SMK Reference Guide
 - ☐ Up to six credits that contain general pedagogy and/or the Professional Standards for Teachers under 603 CMR 7.08(2)
 - ☐ If DESE cannot verify the content of a course, the applicant may
 - ☐ Submit a written request to ELAR to have the course considered with include title, number and a link to the course description in the catalog of the institution awarding credits OR submit a letter (on official letterhead) signed by the registrar or dean that includes the course number, title, and description
 - ☐ Courses may be submitted for pre-approval by DESE using the 12-Credit Course Pre-Approval form
- www.thepolicyminute.com/ceppilicensure

- Professional Standards for Teachers 603 CMR 7.08(2)**
- (a) Curriculum, Planning, and Assessment: Promotes the learning and growth of all students by providing high quality and coherent instruction, designing and administering authentic and meaningful student assessments, analyzing student performance and growth data, using this data to improve instruction, providing students with constructive feedback on an on-going basis, and continuously refining learning objectives.
 - (b) Teaching All Students: Promotes the learning and growth of all students through instructional practices that establish high expectations, create a safe and effective classroom environment, and demonstrate cultural proficiency.
 - (c) Family and Community Engagement: Promotes the learning and growth of all students through effective partnerships with families, caregivers, community members, and organizations.
 - (d) Professional Culture: Promotes the learning and growth of all students through ethical, culturally proficient, skilled, and collaborative practice.
 - ☐ Completed School Based Employment Verification/Induction and Mentoring OR Letter verifying dates of employment in the role of the license and completion of induction/mentoring program. The letter must be on official letterhead and signed by a superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, or human resources director.
 - ☐ Letters or forms may be combined from multiple districts to satisfy all the requirements of this section.
- Additional Professional Licenses**
- Academic Teachers applying for an additional Professional Academic Teacher license in a different field or grade level may not be required to submit additional requirements.
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I have my Professional License. Now what?

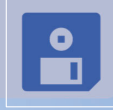
Extinct Licenses



Licenses no longer issued by DESE may still be advanced and renewed



Additional paperwork or a formal Commissioner's Determination may be required

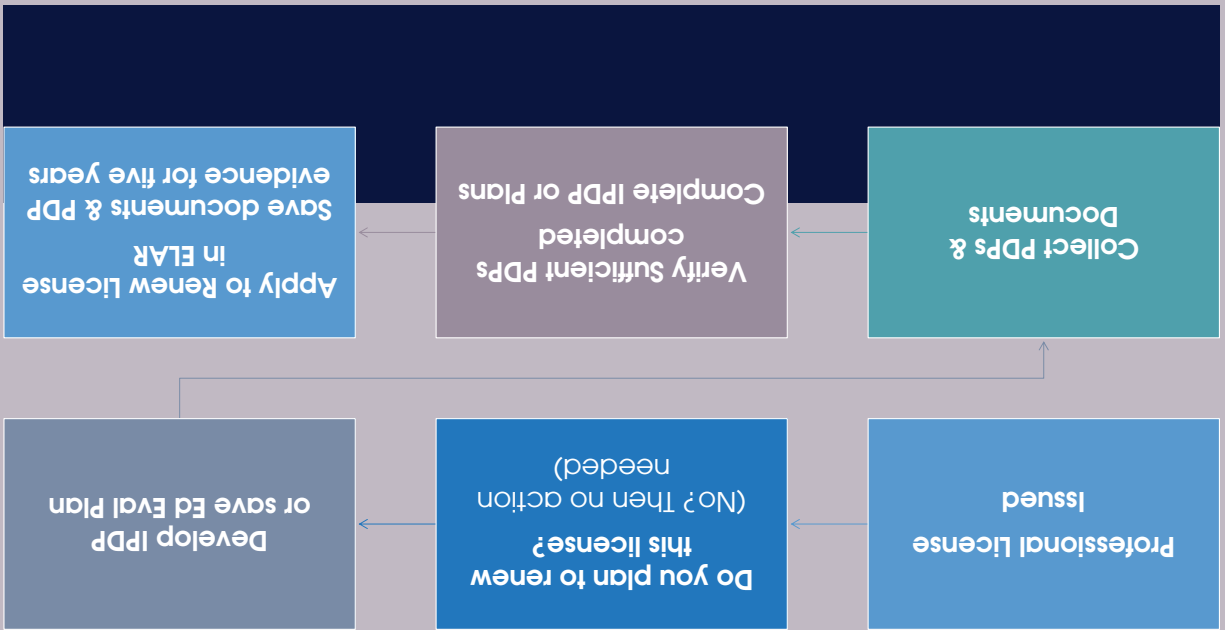


Supporting documents can be uploaded to ELAR or mailed to DESE



No options available yet to swap an old license or combine overlapping licenses.

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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION



Professional License Renewal: Audit FAQs

Office of Educator Licensure 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148

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License Renewal Audits from DESE = License Renewal Requirements

Notice from DESE sent by mail OR email

May occur at FIVE YEARS after renewal

Require demonstration of all license renewal requirements

Only need to send copies of all requirement – never originals

May use DESE forms, MTA forms, district forms or your forms

Educators (not districts!) are responsible for all documentation and accounting of PDPs

Good records NOW = Easy audits later

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE RENEWAL

- DESE FAQ – Professional License Audit
- Professional License Audit Explainer – MTA

Audit of Professional License Renewal

- DESE Professional Development Directory
- MTA PDP Bundle Toolkit Worksheet
- DESE PDPs for Supervising Practitioners and Host Teachers
- MTA PDP Toolkit for Logging PDPs

- Quick Reference Guide to PDPs – MTA
- PDP Activity Log – MTA
- PDP and PDP Signature Page – MTA

TOP 10 ACTION STEPS

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE RENEWAL AUDIT

EXPLAINER



August 2018

The Massachusetts Teachers Association has put together the following advice to help you manage an audit of your professional educator license.

1. Don't panic.

Any educator who holds a Professional-level license may be audited at any time in the year after each renewal. An audit itself does not mean your license is in danger of being revoked. Nearly all audits are resolved quickly and mutually. Keep all copies of your knowledge and training certificates, never originals, of all documents you have readily available.

You do need to successfully complete the audit in order to keep your license active. If you do not start – and complete – the audit, your license will be changed to "inactive".

2. Ask for help from your union.

The MTA is here to help your Members and reach out to their local president and/or send an email to licensure@mtaeducators.org. MTA staff members are available to answer your questions, assist you with completing the paperwork and provide support in working with your district and DESE as needed.

3. Communicate with DESE.

As soon as you receive notification of an audit, you should PDPs are rarely issued by any one organization. You do not need a district to provide approval or the issuing of a specific PDP document. Educators can always document the number of hours spent on activity. You may need to submit several documents to support a single activity. You may need to demonstrate proof of participation, topics/materials covered, result in your license being changed to "inactive" and no longer valid for employment.

4. Everything in writing.

The MTA strongly recommends that all communication with DESE regarding your license audit happens via email or

5. Signed PDP if you are working under the license.

All educators with a Professional-level license are required to have a plan for professional learning that is endorsed by a building administrator. For more information on the PDP, please see the DESE Audit FAQ at www.doe.mass.edu/licensure/under_advancing_extending_or_renewing_a_license.

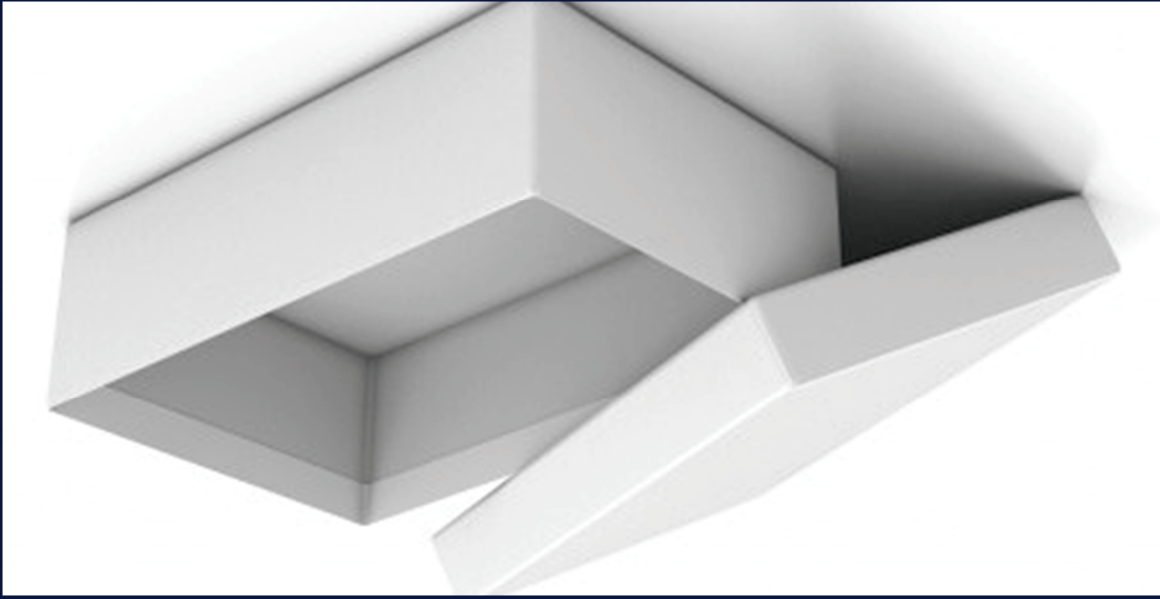
6. Documenting PDPs.

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Examples of acceptable documentation include:

- Proof of registration
- Proof of attendance
- Course syllabus





now what?

You need an IPDP Form or/ Educator Evaluation Plan



Individual Professional Development Plan
603 CMR 44.04 (1)
An IPDP must be in place for each of the five years of validity for each Professional license issued to an educator.

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☐ I confirm I have met the requirements, either the primary area requirement if renewing primary or additional area requirements if renewing a non-primary license. If employed, I have had my supervisor sign my professional development plan.

Element Confirmation

Renewal Requirement Type *
Please select if this renewal is for your primary license or a license in another area:
☐ No
☐ Yes

Are you currently employed? *
☐ No
☐ Yes

Did your supervisor sign your Professional Development Plan? *
☐ No
☐ Yes

Credential to Sync To:
Please select the credential you would like to sync with this renewal:
 No Credentials to Sync

Your Supervisor must approve your professional development plan before you can renew.

Primary Area Renewal Requirements

Using the New ELAR for License Renewal

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Educator Licensure and Renewal Portal
Renewal Application Guide

This guide is designed to assist applicants through the process of renewing one or more professional license online through ELAR. The guide will help educators navigate the process of selecting a Primary Area, completing a renewal application and renewing multiple licenses. For information about satisfying the renewal requirements, for example, what activities count towards PDs, how many PDs is an activity worth and what distribution of PDs is needed to satisfy the renewal requirements, please review the [Recertification/Renewal Guidelines \(guidelines-recert-ma-educators.docx\)](#).

Contents

2	Selecting Your Primary Area Professional License
5	Starting and Submitting Renewal Applications
9	Submitting Multiple Renewals at the Same Time

Primary vs Additional

- Primary License
- Designated in ELAR
- Does not have to be the license you are working under
- 150 PDPs for each renewal
- Additional License
- Must have valid Primary license
- 30 PDPs for each renewal

Professional Development Points (PDPs)

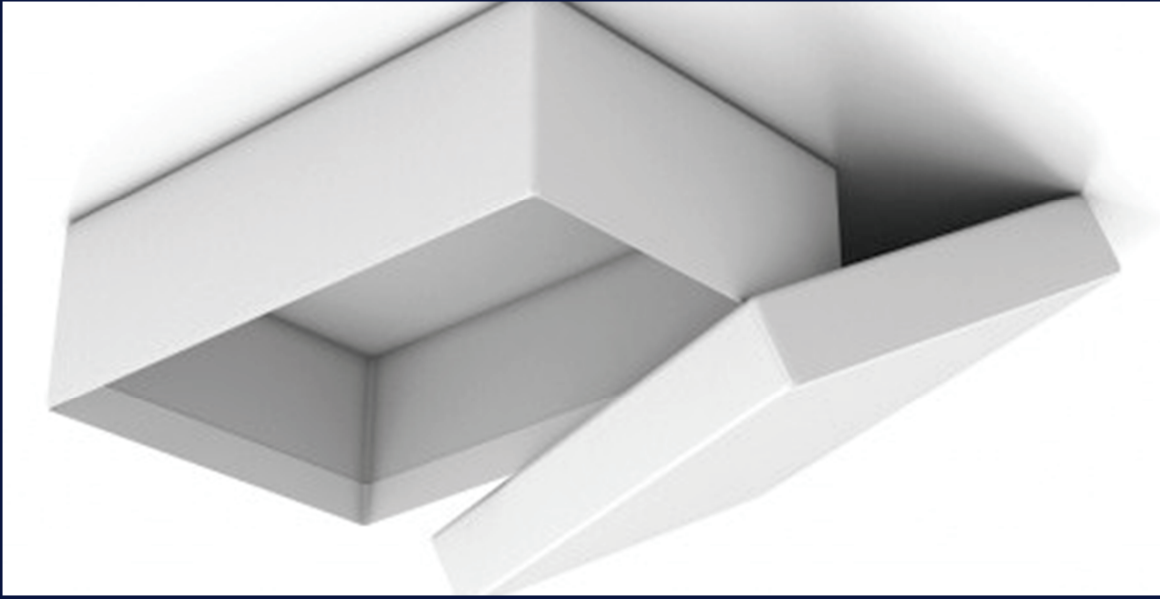
Vocational: Technical: PDP Requirements

- ▶ 10 Subject matter knowledge & skills
 - ▶ 10 Pedagogy
 - ▶ 10 Academic & technical curriculum integration
 - ▶ 10 Safety & health
 - ▶ 15 SPED (related to training in strategies for effective schooling for students with disabilities and instruction of students with diverse learning styles)
 - ▶ 15 ESL (sheltered English Immersion, English as a second language or bilingual education)
 - ▶ 110 (max) electives
- plus Occupational License or Certification*

150 PDPs

Academic: PDP Requirements

- ▶ 15 Content
 - ▶ 15 Pedagogy
 - ▶ 15 SPED related to training in strategies for effective schooling for students with disabilities and instruction of students with diverse learning styles
 - ▶ 15 ESL/SEI sheltered English Immersion, English as a second language or bilingual education
 - ▶ 90 Elective
- 150 PDPs Total**
- Primary License**
- Additional License**
- ▶ 15 Content
 - ▶ 15 Elective
 - ▶ 180 total PDPs
 - ▶ 210 total PDPs
- Two Licenses*
- Three Licenses*
- NOTE:**
- "Primary License" can be the license you designate in ELAR. You do not have to be working under the license for the license to be the "Primary License."
- To renew one or more Additional area licenses alone you must have an active and valid Primary area license that has more than 12 months from the date of expiration.

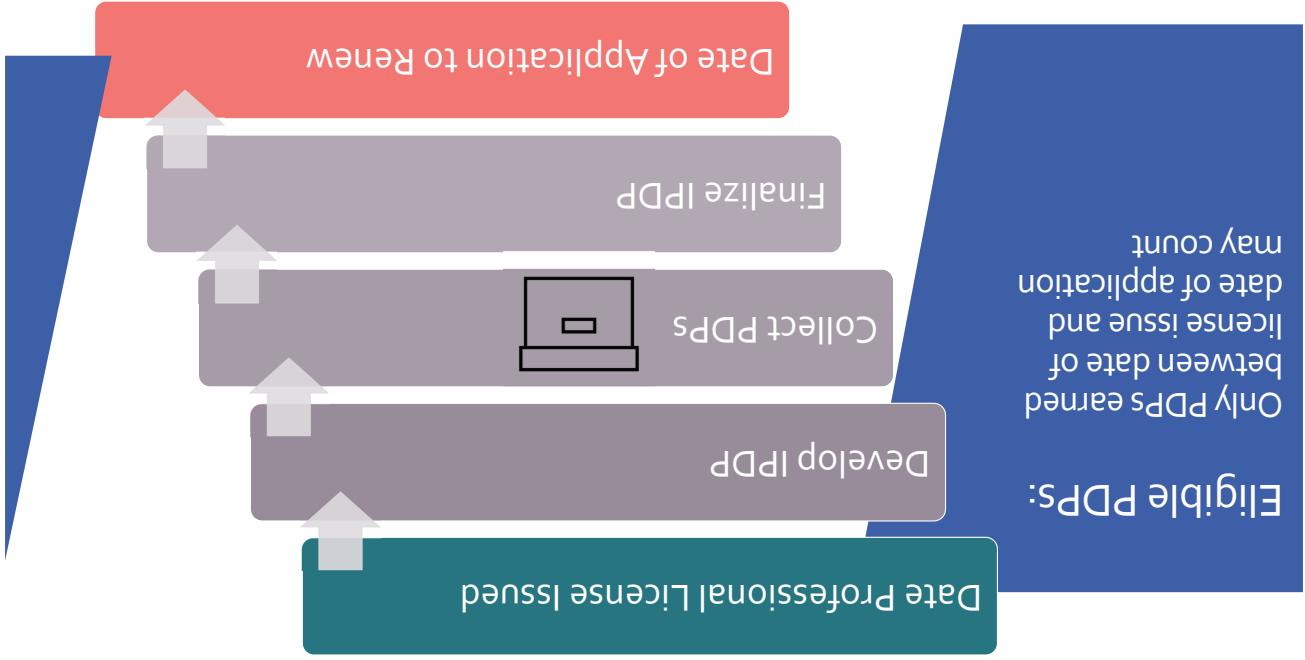


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Educators are responsible for their own accounting of PDPs
Save all records – especially if self-designed activities, online and out of state
DESE does not “issue” PDPs or approve specific courses

Earning and Using PDPs

A photograph of a highway interchange. In the foreground, a large blue overhead road sign indicates directions for North 95 (Portsmouth, NH) and North 93 (Boston). The sign shows a loop for North 95 and a straight path for North 93, with a distance of 2 miles marked. In the background, a white bus with 'Portsmouth' and 'NH' on its side is visible on the road.



Eligible Activities & Calculating PDPs

Examples:

- 1 clock hour = 1 PDP
- Grad Course = 67.5 PDPs
- Curriculum Development = 15 PDPs

Massachusetts License Renewal Guidelines for Educators

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Updated: April 2017

Professional License Renewal: Audit FAQs

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Office of Educator Licensure, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148

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Activity	Provider/Source	Documentation of Completed Activity	Max Number of PDPs
Presenter/Trainer	College, University, District, Professional Organization, Museum, Cultural Organization	Certificate or letter from school, district, organization; Syllabus, bibliography, participant evaluations	10-24 PDPs Eligible 2x the number of PDPs for participants for training three or more sessions; only the first time the training is offered.
School-based activity	School, District, College, University	Certificate or letter from school or district; Activity plans, lesson plans, student work, reports, newsletters, logs, sign in sheets, participant evaluations	1 PDP per clock hour, maximum 30 PDPs per cycle.
CEU (Continuing Education Unit)	International Association of Continuing Education (IACET) Authorized provider or CEUs	CEU Certificate	1 CEU = 10 PDPs
Micro-credential	Massachusetts-registered provider of Micro-credentials	Official copy of micro-credential or badge awarded	10 PDPs for two badges in a related area; 1 PDP for one badge that is bundled with other PDP activities in a related area.
Doctoral Dissertation	University	Official Grade Report or Transcript, Letter from Dean or Registrar	90 PDPs, once per cycle
Masters or CAGS thesis	College or University	Official Grade Report or Transcript, Letter from Dean or Registrar	45 PDPs, once per cycle
Book – Published	Publisher, Printer	Electronic or hard copy of book	30 PDPs per book
Journal article or chapter in professional book	Journal, Publisher	Electronic or hard copy of chapter or article	30 PDPs per article or chapter
Attend Professional Conference	Professional/Trade organization	Registration/attendance confirmation	1 PDP per clock hour when bundled with an activity (lesson plan, curriculum, published work or other activities in topic area)
DESE- approved Sheltered English Immersion Endorsement Course	DESE, District or other approved provider	Certificate or Transcript	1.5 x Course Hours May be counted as Content-area PDPs, may be carried over to next renewal cycle on-time
Sheltered English Immersion MTLE Exam	Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure	Official Score Report with passing score	15 PDPs
General Curriculum Mathematics MTLE	Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure	Official Score Report with passing score	15 PDPs
Educator Evaluation Professional Development	School, District, Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, other providers	Letter, Certificate or Transcript	1 PDP per Clock Hour, May be counted as Content-area PDPs.
Performance Assessment for Leaders (PAL)	Massachusetts Performance Assessment for Leaders	Official score report	15 PDPs per task Only applies for renewal of Principal/Assistant Principal licenses

Quick Reference Guide to PDPs

The following information is summarized from the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education License Renewal Guidelines for Massachusetts Educators (April 2017). Prior to applying to renew a Professional license, please check the most recent regulations and guidelines for renewal at www.mass.gov/lesl/licenses.
Bundling: Any activity that is applied towards license renewal must have a minimum of 10 hours. Two or more activities in the same topic area can be bundled together to meet the 10 hour requirement. The bundling of individual activities and the accounting of PDPs is the responsibility of the individual educator.

Activity	Provider/Source	Documentation of Completed Activity	Max Number of PDPs
Course, Seminar, Workshop, Institute	College, University, DESE, District, Professional Organization, Museum, Cultural Organization	Letter, Certificate or Transcript; Pre- & Post- assessment	1 PDP per Clock Hour
Undergraduate Course	College or University	Official Grade Report or Transcript	15 PDPs per credit hour
Graduate Course in Content Area or License or Upper-level Undergraduate Course in new content	College or University	Official Grade Report or Transcript	22.5 PDPs per credit hour (67.5 PDPs per 3 credits)
Audit of Undergraduate or graduate Course	College or University	Official Grade Report or Transcript	7.5 PDPs per credit hour (22.5 PDPs per 3 credits)
Undergraduate/Graduate Course Instructor	College/University	Letter from Dean or Registrar	45 PDPs per credit, course may be counted once per cycle
DESE Professional Learning Courses	Department of Elementary & Secondary Education	Certificate from DESE	1.5 x Course Hours
Curriculum Development	School or District	Letter or Certificate from the school or district	15 PDPs per unit, maximum 60 PDPs per renewal cycle
Peer Coaching/Mentoring	School or District	Letter or Certificate from the school or district; Journal, log & list of activities	15 PDPs
Accreditation/Review Team Member	Accreditation organization, state or federal agency	Letter or Certificate of completion, formal report	30 PDPs once per cycle
Cooperating Teacher/ Supervising Practitioner	Educator Preparation Program	Letter or Certificate from Educator Preparation Program, school or district	20 PDPs for serving as supervising practitioner
Mentor or Peer Assistance & Review (PAR) Program	School or District	Letter or Certificate from the school or district	15 PDPs
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards	National Board for Professional Teaching Standards	NBPTS Certification	120 PDPs Applies a maximum of 30 PDPs in content, 60 PDPs in Pedagogy & 30 PDP in electives.
Presenter at Professional Conference	Professional/Trade organization conference	Certificate or letter from organization, workshop/presentation materials, syllabus, bibliography	30 PDPs maximum as a first time presenter

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Professional Learning Resources

English Language Learner

October 21 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Supporting Multilingual Learners with the Revised IEP

Show Description

English Language Learners OR Special Education

Registration for Fall 2025 opens at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11. This fall, our courses will be asynchronous and virtual, there will be no in-person sessions.

MTA

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COURSES

Learn with the MTA and Earn PDPs

The MTA offers free professional development for members to earn up to 15 PDPs toward license renewal. These member-designed workshops cover different areas, including special education and English learners.

For more information, please email the Division of Training & Professional Learning at events@massteacher.org.

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PDP Providers

Massachusetts Teachers Association - Division of Training and Professional Learning (MTA TPL)

School districts and educational collaborators

Undergraduate & Graduate Coursework

Continuing Education through Institutes of Higher Education

DESE Professional Learning

PD Provider Registry Search

Note: You can search for a Provider by name, partial name OR by individually selected search criteria to narrow down the results. You can also see a list of all Providers by clicking on the "Search" button

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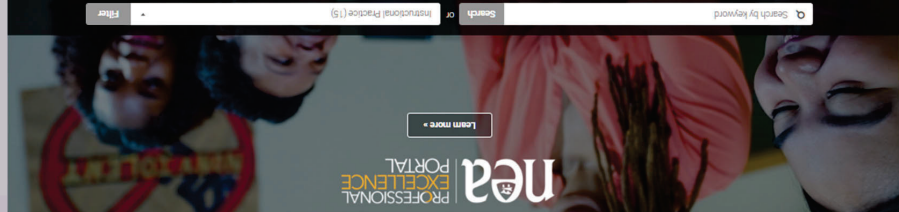


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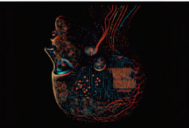
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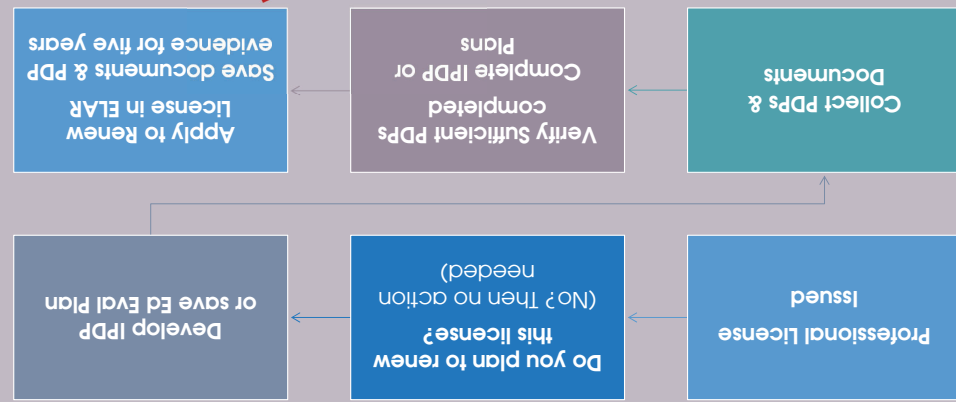
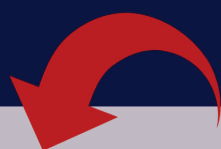
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