

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSING

### **NEW: APPLICATION PROCESSING** - (MN Statutes 122A.181, 122A.182)

- PELSB no longer needs to issue or deny applications for Tier 1 and Tier 2 licenses **within 30 days** and can at its discretion, accept and review applications before July 1.

**EFFECTIVE DATE – MAY 25th**

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### **NEW: LICENSE REQUIREMENT** – (MN Statutes 120A.22, subd. 10)

- A teacher must hold a field license **or permission** aligned to the content area and scope of the teacher’s assignment.

### **NEW: LICENSE VIA PORTFOLIO** – (MN Statutes 122A.18, subd. 10)

- Licensure via portfolio process **limited** to initial Tier 3 licenses **or** to add a licensure field to a Tier 3 or Tier 4 license.

### **NEW: TIER 1 REQUIREMENTS**

- **Applications:**
  - An application for a Tier 1 license requires the application to be **jointly submitted by the applicant and the district**, and paid for by the district or applicant. (MN Statutes 122A.181, subd. 1)
- **Collective Bargaining:** A Tier 1 teacher is **allowed** to be a part of the teacher collective bargaining unit. (section 122A.181, subd. 5)

### **NEW: TIER 2 REQUIREMENTS**

**Applications:** - (MN Statutes 122A.182, subd. 1)

- An application for Tier 2 license requires the application to be **jointly submitted by the applicant and the district**, and is paid for by the district or applicant.

- Applicants can **no longer** meet Tier 2 requirements with **completed coursework** but instead must *be enrolled in OR have completed a state approved teacher preparation program* or have a master's degree in the specified content area.

**Note:** *Applicants remain eligible for a Tier 2 license with the former coursework requirement until June 30, 2024.*

**Renewal:** (MN Statutes 122A.182)

- For only the school years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 an application from a Tier 2 teacher who would otherwise be ineligible to renew the license based on changes in the law, is eligible to renew their Tier 2 license.

**NEW: TIER 3 REQUIREMENTS**

**License Eligibility:** (MN Statutes 122A.183, subd. 1)

- Applicants are eligible for a Tier 3 license if they have :
  - Completed student teaching comparable to student teaching expectations in Minnesota
  - Passed required licensure exams, **and completed either:**
  - a teacher preparation program from a culturally specific Minority Serving Institution in the United States (HBCU's, Tribal Colleges or Hispanic-Serving Institutions including those in Puerto Rico, **OR**
  - a university teacher preparation program in another country.

**Field Specific Experience Required:** (122A.183, subd. 2)

- The field-specific student teaching requirements for Tier 3 license applicants do not apply to candidates who have two years of **field-specific** teacher experience.
- A professional license in good standing from another state is eligible for a Tier 3 license but must have two years of **field-specific** teaching experience.

**NEW: TIER 4 REQUIREMENTS**

- Applicants for a Tier 4 license eligibility - (MN Statutes 122A.184, subd. 1)
  - Completed three years of **field-specific** teaching experience **as a teacher of record** from any state.
  - Completed Tier 3 renewal requirements if the applicant previously held a Tier 3 License (122A.187)
  - **No Longer require** that the applicant's most recent summative evaluation did not place them on an improvement process.

**NEW: BACHELOR'S DEGREE EXEMPTIONS FOR TIER 1,2,3** - (MN Statutes 122A.181, 122A.182, 122A.183)

- World languages and culture applicants (native speakers of the language) and performing / visual arts applicants (with at least five years of relevant work experience) are **exempt from holding bachelor's degree** for a Tier 1, 2, or 3 license.
- Career and Technical Education **must hold** an associate degree, a professional certification, or 5 years of relevant work experience to be eligible for a Tier 1, 2, or 3 license.

**Note:** *PELSB must adopt rules to implement these exemptions.*

**NEW: TESTING REQUIREMENTS ELIMINATED** - (MN Statutes 122A.185, subd. 1)

**TESTS ELIMINATED:**

- Reading, writing, and math **SKILLS TEST** for a Tier 4 license to provide direct instruction in elementary, secondary, or special education programs.
- Pedagogy and content **EXAMS** for Tier 3 and Tier 4 applicants that has completed a PELSB-approved preparation program, licensure via Portfolio, or state-approved teacher preparation program in another state and passed licensure exams in that state.
- Reading knowledge, skills, etc. **TEST** for Tier 3 and 4 licenses to teach elementary students.

**NEW: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** - (MN Statutes 122A.187)

- **All license renewals** require **professional development in the cultural heritage and contemporary contributions of American Indians**, with particular emphasis on Minnesota Tribal Nations. **NOTE:** *PELSB must adopt rules regarding this requirement.*

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**EFFECTIVE DATE - AUGUST 1, 2023**