

New Tiered Licensure Information



The MN State Legislature passed legislation that will impact teacher licensing beginning January 1, 2018. There are two significant changes in the legislation we want you to be aware of:

1. The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) will replace the Board of Teaching
 - a. This will be a change from the current system where both the Board of Teaching and the MN Department of Education issue teacher licenses. This action eliminates the Board of Teaching and the Educator Licensing Division of MDE. [Please click here for more information about the transition timeline.](#)
2. The PELSB will be implementing a new Four-Tiered Teacher Licensure System
 - a. This is being implemented to increase clarity and transparency in licensing as well as provide a way for individuals to work their way to a Tier 4 license. The newly appointed Board has begun meeting to determine the rules for these Tiers. How does this impact you?

How will this impact MPS Teachers with Standard Licenses?

- If your license is currently expired, you must update your license immediately – you may be impacted by the changes if your license is not current as of January 1st, 2018.
- Anyone holding a current 5-year standard license will get a 1-year extension. This will apply to any teacher whose license expires in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. If your license expires in June of those years listed, add one year to the expiration date.
- Teachers whose licenses expire in 2018 will have until May 2019 to submit renewal applications. **NOTE:** As with the current process, any teacher approved for 2019 can pay the renewal fee after January 1, 2019 through the PELSB. You will not be able to log-in and pay for your renewal between January 1, 2018 and January 1, 2019.
- Any teacher holding an unexpired, standard five-year license as of January 1, 2018 will be converted to a new [Tier 4](#) license on July 1st, 2019. Tier 4 licenses will then be on the familiar five-year renewal cycle.
- The renewal requirements will have no changes at this time. You will still need 125 clock hours from 2 categories while fulfilling the six (6) state requirements. The new application system is being built throughout 2017-2018.

How will this impact MPS Teachers with other Licenses?

Teachers with the following licenses that expire on or before 06/30/2018 will need to reapply under the new Tiered Licensure rules (which are currently being adopted):

- Temporary Limited
- Variance
- Non-Licensed Community Expert
- Experimental Waiver
- Intern

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The new application system is being built throughout 2017-2018. Human Resources will contact you when the updated process has been determined and communicated from PELSB.

For any other license, [please click here to review the](#) License Status Changes for Renewal Applications document.

Human Resources and the MPS Re-licensure committee are aware of these changes. We are working closely with the state to ensure you have the latest information and what this change means to you and will work diligently to keep you informed.

<https://www.educationminnesota.org/resources/credentials-licensure/Tiered-licensure>

<https://mn.gov/board-of-teaching/>

Sincerely,

MPS Re-licensure Committee and Human Resources