

**8710.0400 APPLICANTS PREPARED OUTSIDE MINNESOTA.**

Subpart 1. **In general.** A license to teach in Minnesota shall be granted to an applicant who otherwise meets applicable statutory requirements and who completes programs leading to licensure in a teacher preparation institution located outside Minnesota. A license shall be granted only in licensure fields for which the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board has rules governing programs leading to licensure. A license shall be issued according to either subpart 2 or 3.

Subp. 2. **Applicants prepared in states with contracts with Minnesota.** An applicant who completes approved programs leading to licensure in teacher preparation institutions within states which have signed contracts with Minnesota according to the interstate agreement on qualification of educational personnel shall be granted a first Minnesota professional license. No license shall be issued on the basis of teaching experience only.

Subp. 3. **Applicants prepared in states without contracts with Minnesota.** An applicant who completes programs leading to licensure in teacher preparation institutions within states which have not signed contracts with Minnesota according to the interstate agreement on qualification of educational personnel shall be granted a first Minnesota professional license when the following criteria are met:

A. the teacher preparation institution is accredited by the regional association for the accreditation of colleges and secondary schools;

B. the program leading to licensure has been recognized by the other state as qualifying the applicant completing the program for current licensure within that state;

C. the program leading to licensure completed by the applicant is essentially equivalent in content to approved programs offered by Minnesota teacher preparation institutions according to Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board rules governing the licensure field and the grade level range of preparation is the same as, greater than, or not more than one year less than the grade level range of the Minnesota licensure field for which application is made;

D. the teacher preparation institution which offers the program leading to licensure verifies that the applicant has completed an approved licensure program at that institution and recommends the applicant for a license in the licensure field and at the licensure level;

E. the applicant has completed a program leading to licensure as verified by an official transcript issued by the institution recommending the applicant for licensure;

F. the applicant has completed instruction in methods of teaching in the licensure field and at the licensure level of the program; and

G. the applicant has completed student teaching or essentially equivalent experience.

Subp. 3a. **Applicants prepared outside United States.** An applicant who completes a licensure program from a college or university outside the United States shall be granted a first Minnesota professional license when the following criteria are met:

A. the application packet includes a credential evaluation completed by a credential evaluator approved by the executive director of the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board;

B. the licensure program completed by the applicant is essentially equivalent in content to approved programs offered by Minnesota teacher preparation institutions according to Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board rules governing the licensure field and the grade level range of preparation is the same as, greater than, or not more than one year less than the grade level range of the Minnesota licensure field for which application is made;

C. the applicant has completed instruction in methods of teaching in the licensure field and at the licensure level of the program; and

D. the applicant has completed student teaching or essentially equivalent experience.

Subp. 4. **Exception for applicants who have not met part 8700.2700 or 8710.0500.** An applicant who has completed a teacher licensure program outside Minnesota, has met the criteria of subpart 3 or 3a, but has not completed the requirements of part 8700.2700 or 8710.0500, or both, shall be granted a Minnesota temporary limited license based upon the provisions of this part.

An applicant who has completed a teacher licensure program outside Minnesota, has met the criteria of subpart 3 or 3a with the exception of the grade level range of the Minnesota licensure field for which application is made, but has not completed the requirements of part 8700.2700 or 8710.0500, or both, shall be granted a Minnesota temporary limited license based upon the provisions of this part. The license shall be issued for the grade level range of preparation, not to exceed the grade level range of the Minnesota licensure field for which application is made.

If part 8710.0500 has not been met upon expiration of the temporary limited license, a person may renew the temporary limited license twice. Each renewal of the temporary limited license requires the applicant to submit an official score report verifying having taken the skills area examination during the period of each temporary limited license and evidence of participating in an approved remedial assistance program provided by a school district or postsecondary institution that includes a formal diagnostic component in the specific areas in which the licensee did not obtain qualifying scores during the period of each temporary limited license.

Upon meeting this part and parts 8700.2700 and 8710.0500, including preparation for the grade level range of the Minnesota licensure field, a first professional license shall be granted.

Subp. 5. **Exception for elementary education applicants who have not met specialty requirements.** An applicant who has completed a teacher licensure program outside Minnesota that meets this part, but has not met the specialty requirements of part 8710.3200, subpart 4, for the license, shall be granted one of the following:

A. a nonrenewable license, valid for teaching elementary students in kindergarten through grade 6, if the applicant has met the requirements of parts 8700.2700, 8710.0500, and 8710.3200 for teaching elementary students in kindergarten through grade 6, but has not met the requirements of part 8710.3200, subpart 4; or

B. a temporary limited license, valid for teaching elementary students in kindergarten through grade 6, if the applicant has met the requirements of part 8710.3200 for teaching elementary students in kindergarten through grade 6, but has not met the requirements of part 8700.2700; 8710.0500; or 8710.3200, subpart 4.

A teacher issued a kindergarten through grade 6 nonrenewable license shall have two years from the expiration date of the first Minnesota license to complete the requirements for a specialty license required by part 8710.3200, subpart 4. A teacher issued a kindergarten through grade 6 temporary limited license may renew the license under subpart 4 if part 8710.0500 has not been met. No person may hold a nonrenewable license, a temporary limited license, or any combination of these licenses for more than three years. Upon meeting the requirements of this part and parts 8700.2700, 8710.0500, and 8710.3200, a first professional license shall be granted.

**Subp. 6. Exception for applicants who have not met licensure level requirements.** An applicant who has completed a teacher licensure program outside Minnesota that meets the requirements of this part, with the exception of the licensure level requirements of subpart 3, item C, or 3a, item B, shall be granted one of the following:

A. a nonrenewable license, in the licensure field at the grade level range of preparation, not to exceed the grade level range of the Minnesota licensure field for which application is made, if the applicant has met parts 8700.2700 and 8710.0500; or

B. a temporary limited license, in the licensure field at the grade level range of preparation, not to exceed the grade level range of the Minnesota licensure field for which application is made, if the applicant has met the requirements of this part, but has not met part 8700.2700 or 8710.0500.

A teacher issued a nonrenewable license shall have two years from the expiration date of the first Minnesota license to complete the requirements for teaching at the grade level range of the Minnesota licensure field. A teacher issued a temporary limited license may renew the license under subpart 4 if part 8710.0500 has not been met. No person may hold a nonrenewable license, a temporary limited license, or any combination of these licenses for more than three years. Upon meeting the requirements of this part and parts 8700.2700 and 8710.0500, and the licensure grade level range of the Minnesota licensure field, a first professional license shall be granted.

**Subp. 7. Exception for applicants who have not met licensure requirements in part 8710.4250, 8710.4300, 8710.4750, or 8710.4800.** An applicant for licensure as a teacher of communication arts and literature, a teacher of dance and theatre arts, a teacher of science, or a teacher of social studies who has completed a teacher licensure program outside Minnesota, who meets the requirements of this part with the exception of licensure level requirements of subpart 3, item C, or 3a, item B, shall be granted one of the following:

A. a nonrenewable license, in the licensure field, which shall be restricted for teaching only in the field of major preparation, if the applicant has met the requirements of parts 8700.2700 and 8710.0500, but has not met the requirements of part 8710.4250, 8710.4300, 8710.4750, or 8710.4800; or

B. a temporary limited license, in the licensure field, which shall be restricted for teaching only in the field of major preparation, if the applicant has not met the requirements of parts 8700.2700 and 8710.0500, and part 8710.4250, 8710.4300, 8710.4750, or 8710.4800.

A teacher issued a nonrenewable license shall have two years from the expiration date of the first Minnesota teaching license to complete the licensure requirements of part 8710.4250, 8710.4300, 8710.4750, or 8710.4800. A teacher issued a temporary limited license may renew the limited temporary license under subpart 4 if part 8710.0500 has not been met. No person may hold a nonrenewable license, a temporary limited license, or any combination of these licenses for more than three years. Upon meeting the requirements of this part, parts 8700.2700 and 8710.0500, and part 8710.4250, 8710.4300, 8710.4750, or 8710.4800, a first professional license in the licensure field shall be granted.

**Subp. 8. Exception for applicants who have completed alternative preparation programs.** An applicant who has completed a teacher licensure program outside Minnesota that meets the requirements of this part, with the exception of having completed the preparation program in a teacher preparation institution accredited by the regional association for the accreditation of colleges and secondary schools, shall be granted a first professional license. To meet the requirements of subpart 3, item D, if the applicant is unable to secure a teacher preparation institution recommendation for licensure, the preparation program that offers the program leading to licensure must verify that the applicant has completed the approved licensure program and must recommend the applicant for a license in the licensure field and at the licensure level. To meet the requirements of subpart 3, item E, if an official transcript verifying completion of the licensure program is not available, the preparation program must provide official documentation of the program leading to licensure and must verify that the applicant has completed the approved licensure program.

If the applicant has not completed the requirements for a first professional license, a temporary limited license or a nonrenewable license may be issued upon meeting the requirements of subpart 4, 5, 6, or 7.

**Subp. 9. Exception for national board certified teachers.** An applicant who provides evidence of current national board certification, but has not completed the requirements of part 8700.2700 or 8710.0500, shall be granted a temporary limited license. If the requirements of part 8710.0500 have not been met upon expiration, the temporary limited license may be renewed under subpart 4. The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board shall accept current national board certification in a licensure field for which the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board has established rules governing programs leading to licensure as evidence of having met the criteria of subpart 3, item C, or 3a, item B. If the applicant also provides evidence of current licensure from another state in the same field as national board certification is held, but at a different grade level designation, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board shall accept evidence of licensure and certification together as having met the requirements of subpart 3, item C, or 3a, item B, provided this evidence includes all grade level designations of the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board licensure rule. Upon meeting the requirements of parts 8700.2700 and 8710.0500, a first professional license based on this subpart shall be granted.

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