



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Wendy Zhan, Director

Office of Research
and Drafting

Legislative Budget
Office

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
Ohio ¹	Provisional educator license for teaching in a STEM school	Yes	Bachelor's degree in a field related to the subject to be taught	No	Examination prescribed by the State Board of Education	No	\$80	2 years	\$80
	Alternative resident educator license – Montessori	Yes	Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education Successful completion of a teacher education program offered by the American Montessori Society, the Association Montessori Internationale, or an institution accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	No	No	*See note	\$160	4 years	\$160

¹ R.C. 3301.071, 3319.22, 3319.26, 3319.261, 3319.262, 3319.28, 3319.301, and 3319.303; Ohio Administrative Code 3301-23-41, 3301-23-44, 3301-24-05(E) and (I), and 3301-27-01; fees available at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Additional-Information/Complete-List-of-Applications>.

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
	Adult education teaching permit	Yes	High school diploma	No	No	No	\$25 (1 year) \$100 (4 years)	1 year or 4 years	\$25 (1 year) \$100 (4 years)
	Nonpublic school teacher or administrator certificate	Yes	For a certificate to teach foreign language, music, religion, computer technology, or fine arts at a nonpublic school, either (1) specialized knowledge, skills, or expertise that qualifies the individual to provide instruction, (2) at least three years of teaching experience in a public or nonpublic school, or (3) completion of a teacher training program For all other teacher certificates for teaching at nonpublic schools, a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by a national or regional association in the United States or, at the discretion of the State	No	No	No	\$200	Not specified	\$200

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
			Board, an equivalent degree from a foreign college or university of comparable standing For teacher certificates for teaching at nonchartered, nontax-supported schools, either (1) a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by a national or regional association in the United States or, at the discretion of the State Board, an equivalent degree from a foreign college or university of comparable standing or (2) a diploma from a Bible college or Bible institute						
	Temporary teaching license for military science	Yes	No	No	No	No	\$40	Not specified	\$40

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
	Pupil activity program permit	Yes	<p>Completion of the National Federation of State High School Associations' fundamentals of coaching course</p> <p>May satisfy the requirement to possess a substantive knowledge of the applied for pupil activity program with successful completion of a college or university course related to the applied for pupil activity program, as determined by the hiring authority in the applied for pupil activity program</p> <p>Completion of an approved training course in all of the following: (1) CPR, (2) brain trauma injury management, (3) sudden cardiac arrest, and (4) first aid training</p>	<p>May satisfy the requirement to possess a substantive knowledge of the applied for pupil activity program with successful work experience, as determined by the hiring authority in the applied for pupil activity program</p>	No	<p>Maintenance of an approved training course in all of the following: (1) CPR, (2) brain trauma injury management, (3) sudden cardiac arrest, and (4) first aid training</p> <p>Completion of a training program in recognizing the symptoms of concussions and head injuries</p>	<p>\$45 (3 years)</p> <p>\$60 (4 years)</p> <p>\$75 (5 years)</p>	<p>3 years, 4 years, or 5 years</p>	<p>\$45 (3 years)</p> <p>\$60 (4 years)</p> <p>\$75 (5 years)</p>

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
	Associate license	Yes	Associate degree Either (1) completion of an approved program of preparation in prekindergarten associate, educational paraprofessional (denoted as ESEA qualified), and interpreter for the hearing impaired or (2) a current license to practice issued by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board as an occupational therapy assistant or physical therapy assistant	No	No	Either 6 semester hours of coursework or 18 continuing education units (180 contact hours), which must be related to classroom teaching and/or the area of licensure as approved by the local professional development committee of the employing school or school district	\$200	5 years	\$200
	Forty-hour STEM school teaching permit	Yes	Bachelor's degree or higher, or evidence of significant experience, as verified by the employing district, in the subject to be taught	Yes, if no college degree (see previous column)	No	No	Not specified	1 year	Not specified
	Early college high school educator license	Yes	Graduate or terminal degree from an accredited institution of higher education in a field related to the subject area	Experience teaching students at any grade level	Examination in the subject area to be taught, as	No	Not specified	4 years	N/A

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
			to be taught, as determined by the Department of Education		prescribed by the State Board				
Indiana ²	N/A								
Kentucky ³	Certification for Foreign Teachers Serving Under the Teacher Exchange Program ⁴	Yes	Credentials or other legal authorization for teaching in teachers' native countries	At least 1 year of teaching experience	No	No	\$85	1 year	Not specified
	Professional Certificate for Interdisciplinary Early Childhood ⁵	Yes	Bachelor's degree in approved preparation program OR Completion of the specified requirements to transition from a probationary certificate to a professional certificate	Working under probationary certificate for at least one year Completion of the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP)	The required assessments prescribed by the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) ⁶	For first renewal: completion of 15 hours of approved fifth-year graduate preparation program or completion of required components of	\$85	5 years	\$85

² Indiana does not appear to be issuing any new specialty licenses.

³ Certification fees for all certificates: 16 Kentucky Administrative Regulations (K.A.R.) 4:040 and the rules governing professional certificate renewals, unless otherwise specified, are found in 16 K.A.R. 4:060.

⁴ 16 K.A.R. 4:070.

⁵ 16 K.A.R. 2:040.

⁶ 16 K.A.R. 6:010.

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
						continuation education option for initial certificate renewal For second renewal: Completion of approved fifth-year graduate preparation program or successful completion of continuing education option For each subsequent renewal: 3 years of successful teaching experiences and at least 6 semester hours of credit or equivalent in professional development			

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
	Certificate for Junior Instructor, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) ⁷	Yes	High school diploma or equivalent Recommendation by appropriate military service branch Contract for employment by a local school district Recommendation for certification by local school district superintendent DD214 documenting honorable service	No	No	For initial renewal: 2 years' experience as a JROTC instructor at a local school district. 24 clock hours of district-approved professional development, annually or 6 semester hours from an institution of higher education in specified courses If individual receives an associate's degree, renewals require 2 years teaching experience	\$85	2 years for initial certificate 5 years if individual receives associate's degree	\$85

⁷ 16 K.A.R. 2:100, Section 2.

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
	Certificate for Senior Instructor, JROTC ⁸	Yes	Bachelor's degree Official recommendation from appropriate military service branch Contract for employment by a local school district Recommendation for certification by the local school district superintendent DD214 documenting honorable service	Service in a military branch	No	For initial renewal, a recommendation from the school district superintendent and 9 semester hours from an institution of higher education Subsequent renewals require 2 years of teaching experience	\$85	2 years for initial certification; 5 years for subsequent renewals once an associate degree has been attained	\$85
	Professional Certification of Blind and Visually Impaired Students ⁹	Yes	Valid teaching certificate Demonstrated competence in reading and writing Braille, and in use of appropriate instructional methods for teaching Braille	No	Those prescribed by the EPSB, which must be consistent with the guidelines adopted by the National Library Services for the Blind and	No	\$85	5 years	\$85

⁸ 16 K.A.R. 2:100, Section 1.

⁹ K.R.S. 161.051.

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
					Physically Handicapped				
Michigan ¹⁰	N/A								
Pennsylvania ¹¹	English as a second language program specialist	Yes	<p>If the individual holds an instructional I or II certificate, completion of a state-approved certification program</p> <p>If the individual holds a valid out-of-state ESL certificate, a state-approved instructional ESL certification program that meets the Pennsylvania ESL specific program guidelines</p>	An instructional I or II certificate or a valid out-of-state ESL certificate	No	<p>Completion of one of the following within a 5-year period:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 6 credits of collegiate study; 2. 6 credits of continuing professional education courses; 3. 180 hours of continuing professional education programs, activities, or 	\$200	5 years	Not specified

¹⁰ Michigan does not appear to be issuing any new specialty licenses.

¹¹ 22 Pa. Code §§ 49.62a, 51.34, 53.21, 53.22, 55.11, 57.11, 59.11, and 63.11; additional requirements available at <https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/PAEducators/Pages/ESLProSpec.aspx>, <https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Staffing%20Guidelines/Pages/CSPG67.aspx>, <https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/CertFAQs/Pages/ESL.aspx>, <https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/CertFAQs/Pages/PrivateAcademicCertification.aspx>, and <https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/PAEducators/Pages/Private-Academic.aspx>; fees available at <https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/FeesForms/Pages/Application-Fees.aspx>.

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
						learning experiences; or 4. Any combination of collegiate studies, continuing professional education courses, or other programs, activities, or learning experiences equivalent to 180 hours			
	Military science certificate	Yes	No	No	No	Completion of one of the following within a 5-year period: 1. 6 credits of collegiate study; 2. 6 credits of continuing professional education courses; 3. 180 hours of continuing	Not specified	5 years	Not specified

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
						professional education programs, activities, or learning experiences; or 4. Any combination of collegiate studies, continuing professional education courses, or other programs, activities, or learning experiences equivalent to 180 hours			
	Private academic teaching certificate	Yes	A bachelor's degree For an elementary teaching certificate, one of the following: (1) a Pennsylvania teaching certificate in elementary education to teach grades K through 6 or a Pennsylvania early	If applicable, documentary evidence of past teaching experience	No	N/A	\$175	99 years	N/A

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
			childhood certificate to teach grades nursery through 3, (2) 18 semester hours in the theory of elementary education, or (3) 2 years of successful teaching experience in a public, nonpublic nonlicensed, or accredited elementary school For a secondary education certificate, either (1) graduation from an approved 4-year college or university with a Pennsylvania teaching certificate in the subject in which the instruction is or will be rendered, or (2) graduation from an approved 4-year college or university, 18 semester hours in the subject matter field in which instructional service is or will be rendered, and either (a) 6 semester hours in the theory of secondary education or (b) 1 year of successful						

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
			teaching experience in a public, nonpublic nonlicensed, or accredited secondary school For a general business education, nursery/kindergarten, special education, psycho-educational testing, or reading educational testing certificate, *see note						
	Private academic assistant teaching certificate (for nursery/kindergarten)	Yes	One of the following: (1) graduation from an approved 2-year college or university having specialized in child development, early childhood, or elementary education, (2) graduation from an approved 2-year college or university and 24 semester hours in the theory of child development, early childhood, or elementary education, or (3) completion of 2 years of college or university	If applicable, documentary evidence of past teaching experience	No	*See note	\$175	1 year	Not specified

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
			credit (60 credits) in an approved institution and 24 semester hours in the theory of child development, early childhood, and elementary education						
	Private academic temporary approval certificate (for applicants who are denied a private academic teaching certificate)	Yes	Graduate of an approved degree granting institution Any other conditions established by the State Board of Private Academic Schools	Any requirements established by the State Board of Private Academic Schools	Any requirements established by the State Board of Private Academic Schools	Satisfaction of requirements established by the State Board of Private Academic Schools	\$175	1 year	Not specified
West Virginia	Initial Adult License Endorsed for Adult Education ¹²	Yes	Minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education with a 2.5 GPA	No	No	Completion of the following: -6 semester hours of coursework at a college/university related to public school programming with a 3.0 GPA or related to basic skills content or	*See note regarding initial licensure fees; fees range between \$35-\$50	Valid for up to 5 years, expires on June 30 th of the last year of its validity	*See note regarding renewal fees

¹² West Virginia Board of Education Policy 5202 Section 11.8.c: <http://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/readfile.aspx?DocId=52986&Format=PDF>.

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
						e-Learning courses through WVDE; or -If the applicant has reached 60 years of age or older, completion of adult education professional learning activities and the recommendation of the county superintendent			
	Initial Adult Permit Endorsed for Areas of Career Technical Education (for a part-time teaching position) ¹³	Yes	Minimum of a high school diploma or a state-approved equivalent	Additional experience may be required dependent upon content area to be taught	Content exams may be required dependent upon subject area to be taught	Completion of the following: -6 semester hours of coursework at a college or university related to public school programming with a 3.0 GPA; -An industry recognized credential; and	*See note	Valid for up to 5 years	*See note

¹³ West Virginia Board of Education Policy 5202 Section 11.8.e: <http://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/readfile.aspx?DocId=52986&Format=PDF>.

Specialty licenses									
State	License	License required?	Education or training	Experience	Exam	Continuing education	Initial licensure fee	License duration	Renewal fee
						-The recommendation of the county superintendent			
	Initial Authorization for JROTC ¹⁴	Yes	JROTC instructor certification awarded by a branch of the U.S. military	No	No	No	*See note	Not specified	*See note

*Notes

Ohio – After teaching for two years under a provisional educator license for teaching in a STEM school, the license holder may receive a five-year professional educator license in the same subject area named in the provisional educator license if the license holder (1) completes a structured apprenticeship program provided by an educational service center or a teacher preparation program, in partnership with the STEM school that employs the license holder, that satisfies specified requirements, (2) receives a positive recommendation indicating that the applicant is an effective teacher from the chief administrative officer of the STEM school that most recently employed the license holder as a classroom teacher and the educational service center or teacher preparation program administrator in charge of the apprenticeship program completed by the license holder, and (3) meets all other requirements for a professional educator license.

An individual who holds an alternative resident educator license – Montessori is required, in order to qualify for a professional educator license, to complete (1) four years of teaching under the alternative license, (2) either (a) 12 additional semester hours of college coursework in the principles and practices of teaching in such topics as student development and learning, pupil assessment procedures, curriculum development, classroom management, and teaching methodology or (b) professional development provided by a teacher preparation program that has been approved by the Chancellor, (3) an assessment of professional knowledge (that is required to be taken in the second year of teaching under the license), (4) the Ohio teacher residency program, and (5) all other requirements for a professional educator license. The alternative resident educator license may be renewed for reasons specified by the State Board of Education. Additionally, the State Board may extend the license's duration as necessary to enable the license holder to complete the Ohio teacher residency program.

The duration of a pupil activity program permit depends on whether or not the individual applying for the permit also holds a current license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education. If an individual holds such a license, the permit is valid for the same duration as the license, permit, or certificate. An individual hired to

¹⁴ West Virginia Board of Education Policy 5202 Section 11.9.h: <http://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/readfile.aspx?DocId=52986&Format=PDF>.

direct, supervise, or coach a pupil activity program that does not involve athletics or routine or regular physical activity or health and safety considerations is not required to hold a pupil activity program permit if that individual holds a current valid educator license issued by the State Board of Education.

An early college high school educator license is valid for teaching only at the school district that employs the license holder. An individual who holds an early college high school educator license may apply for a renewable five-year professional educator license in the same subject area named in the early college high school educator license. In order to receive the professional license, the license holder must attain a passing score on an assessment of professional knowledge prescribed by the State Board of Education.

Pennsylvania – Private academic teaching certificates may also be issued for general business education, nursery/kindergarten, special education, psycho-educational testing, and reading educational testing. The education requirements for those certificates are as follows:

- For a general business education certificate, both (1) 18 semester hours in business education (6 hours in accounting, 3 hours in data processing, 3 hours in typing, and 6 hours in business education electives) and (2) either (a) 6 semester hours in the theory of secondary education or (b) 1 year of successful teaching experience in a public, nonpublic nonlicensed, or accredited secondary school;
- For a nursery/kindergarten certificate, one of the following: (1) graduation from an approved 4-year college or university with a Pennsylvania teaching certificate in early childhood education, (2) graduation from an approved 4-year college or university and 24 semester hours in the theory of child development, early childhood, or elementary education, or (3) graduation from an approved 4-year college or university and 2 years successful experience as a teacher in a public, nonpublic nonlicensed, or accredited nursery or kindergarten school;
- For a special education certificate, either (1) graduation from an approved 4-year college or university with a Pennsylvania teaching certificate in the exceptionalities in which the instruction is or will be rendered or (2) graduation from an approved 4-year college or university with 24 semester hours in the theory of special education (6 semester hours of basic courses, 6 semester hours of courses directly applicable to the exceptionality in which instruction is or will be rendered, and 12 semester hours of elective courses);
- For a psycho-educational testing specialist, either (1) graduation from an approved college or university and a Pennsylvania professional school psychologist certificate or (2) a master's degree in psychology with 40 credits of graduate course work in psychology, a core concentration of psychology work appropriate to professional work with school-age children, and licensure from the Pennsylvania Board of Psychologist Examiners as a psychologist;
- For a reading educational testing specialist, either (1) graduation from an approved college or university and a Pennsylvania professional reading specialist certificate or (2) graduation from an approved college or university with 30 semester hours in reading, tests and measurements, and related areas.

The holder of a private academic assistant teaching certificate may become certificated as a teacher upon submitting documentary evidence of the completion of 2 years of teaching on the assistant teacher certificate in a nonpublic nonlicensed, licensed, or accredited nursery school or kindergarten, and a minimum of an additional 24 semester hours in the theory of child development, early childhood, and elementary education at an approved college or university. In order for the certificate to be renewed, the certificate holder must complete 6 of the semester hours required for full certification.

West Virginia – All applicants seeking an initial licensure or certificate are responsible for paying fees associated with state and federal criminal history background checks¹⁵ and other fees for application processing. For a full list of fees please see the following link: <https://wvde.state.wv.us/certification/forms/ProcessingFees.html>.

Renewal fees, if any, are determined by the State Board of Education.¹⁶

¹⁵ West Virginia Code 18A-3-10.

¹⁶ West Virginia Code 18A-3-7.