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# **MEMORANDUM**

TO:Holders of Provisional Licenses Expiring on June 30, 2019FROM:Education Quality Licensing OfficeSUBJECT:Expiring Provisional Licenses and Obtaining Full LicensureDATE:November 9, 2018

According to our records, you have a Provisional license that will expire on June 30, 2019. If it is your intent to secure a professional license for this endorsement, you are advised to begin that process no later than April 1, 2019.

At the same time your provisional license is expiring, there are over 3,000 additional educators that are renewing their licenses. License renewals take priority during the summer months to ensure that all returning educators are licensed by the start of the ensuing school year. If you apply for your license or added endorsement after April 1, 2019 there is no guarantee that you will be licensed for this endorsement by the start of the school year.

By law, schools can't employ educators to work in areas where they are not properly licensed and endorsed. This may mean if your SU has offered you a contract that would require you to work in an area where you do not hold the full endorsement, you may only be available to receive substitute pay until such time that you are licensed for that endorsement area or the 30 consecutive student days have ended.

Additionally, by State Statute only licensed educators can receive credit for service towards retirement benefits. This means that if you are not appropriately licensed by the school year begins you will not accumulate years of service until such time that you are appropriately licensed. This could have a substantial impact on your retirement date and/or benefits.

If determined that extenuating circumstances exist that prevented the individual from completing the approved plan for obtaining a Level I Professional Educator's License, the Agency may issue upon application by the Superintendent a second Provisional License or endorsement for up to one additional school year with the exception of Special Education endorsements.

On the next page, tips and strategies for an effective application are provided for your benefit.

Please keep the following in mind:

- Only complete applications (which include all required checklist items) are processed. If your application is incomplete you will forfeit your \$50 non-refundable application fee.
- Video tutorials, Step by Step directions and Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) documents are available on the Agency of Education website – <u>Educator Quality</u>. If after you have reviewed the resources and have specific questions you can send an email to our help desk at <u>AOE.LicensingInfo@Vermont.gov</u> Inquiries are responded to within 48 hours.
- Once your complete application is submitted the licensing specialist has 30 days to open your application and begin the review.
- If you are applying for initial licensure regardless if you have had fingerprinting done previously, by state law you will need to be fingerprinted again for an initial license. A receipt verifying that your fingerprints have been taken must be uploaded to your account prior to a Letter of Eligibility (LOE) being issued.
- If an educator completes a Criminal Record Check (CRC) prior to their renewal, initial or reinstatement application being submitted, we cannot accept the information. CRC reports dated prior to an application being submitted, **will be shredded**. Educators must resubmit the application with fees, and include new fingerprints.
- A LOE is valid for 90 days to coincide with the timeline for when CRC Reports usually arrive at our office.

For an initial Vermont Educator License there are multiple pathways to licensure <u>Peer Review</u>, <u>Transcript Review</u> or the <u>Traditional Route</u>. You would have identified your pathway as part of your provisional application.

If you are going through Peer Review you must submit your completed portfolio and application with the fees by March 1, 2019 to ensure licensure for the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.



**Checklist for applicants who do not currently hold a Vermont Educator License** – *if you are applying for Educational SLP, Associate School Nurse or School Nurse see page 4 of this document.* 

# **Initial License Traditional Route**

Please make sure the following documents are uploaded to your account prior to submitting your application. An incomplete application will be closed and you will need to reapply with another non-refundable \$50 application processing fee and \$12 Criminal Record fee. Please review the links provided for additional information.

- **License Application** complete all sections of the application
- Official College/University Transcripts that include a recommendation for licensure

Example of Recommendation for Licensure found on transcripts

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	College : College of Education & Soc Svc
	Major : Elementary Educ K-6
Comments	81
This stu	ident has completed a NASDTEC, ICC,
tate ap	oproved and NCATE accredited program in
lementa	ary Education (Grades K-6)
and is r	recommended for Vermont licensure.
Degre	ees Awarded : B.S. Education 18-SEP-2017

### **Testing**

Praxis Core/Praxis I and Praxis II tests must be sent from ETS. Prior to applying make sure that you have "ordered" the test results to be sent to the Vermont Agency of Education. On average it takes 6 weeks for the results to reach our office after you have taken the test. It is always better to contact ETS to confirm the test results have been sent prior to submitting your application.

**CRC Request** (paid the \$12 Dept. of Public Safety Fee)

- Certified DMV driving record (Drivers Ed endorsement)
- Valid/Current First Aid and CPR/AED certificates (PE & Health)



# Checklist for applicants applying for Educational SLP, Associate School Nurse or School Nurse who do not currently hold a Vermont Educator License

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# **Initial License Transcript Review**

- License Application complete all sections of the application
- Transcript Review Endorsement Worksheet with a syllabus or course description for each course referenced on the worksheet(s)
- Core Teaching Standards Worksheet
- Official College/University Transcripts may include a recommendation for licensure

Example of Recommendation for Licensure found on transcripts



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#### ☐ Additional Credentials

- Valid/Current First Aid and CPR/AED certificates (Associate School Nurse)
- School Nurse Orientation Training Certificate (Associate School Nurse & School Nurse)
- Vermont Clinical License (SLP, Associate School Nurse & School Nurse)



#### Checklist for applicants adding an endorsement to a current Vermont Educator License.

#### Transcript Review Add an Endorsement or Expanding your Instructional Level

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- **License Application** complete all sections of the application
- Transcript Review Endorsement Worksheet with a syllabus or course description for each course referenced on the worksheet(s)
- Official College/University Transcripts may include a recommendation for licensure
- **Verification of Practicum**

#### **Testing**

Praxis II tests must be sent from ETS. Prior to applying make sure that you have "ordered" the test results to be sent to the Vermont Agency of Education. On average it takes 6 weeks for the results to reach our office after you have taken the test. It is always better to contact ETS to confirm the test results have been sent prior to submitting your application.

#### Additional Credentials

- Certified DMV driving record (Drivers Ed endorsement)
- Valid/Current First Aid and CPR/AED certificates (PE)
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- Vermont Clinical License (SLP, Associate School Nurse & School Nurse)

