



Types of Maryland Educator Licenses

Advanced Professional

- 5-year
- Renewable
- Meets the requirements for one of the pathways to licensure
- Completes a Maryland induction program or verifies three years of effective performance
- Master's degree, 30-semester hour course of study, or National Board Certification

Professional

- 5-year
- Renewable
- Meets the requirements for one of the pathways to licensure
- Completes a Maryland induction program or has 3 years of effective performance

Initial Professional

- 5-year
- Renewable
- Meets the requirements for one of the pathways to licensure

Temporary Professional

- 2-year
- Non-renewable
- Out-of-state program completer or license holder who only needs MD certification assessments
- Issued only in teaching areas

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Adjunct

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- 1-year
- Renewable
- Not transferable between districts
- Part-time position
- High school diploma or its equivalent industry license, when applicable to the profession
- 5 years of satisfactory occupational experience in the field to be taught
- Issued only in teaching areas

Conditional

- 5-year or 3-year (special education only)
- Non-renewable
- Bachelor's degree (unless in a Professional Technical Education area)
- Issued only in teaching areas

Resident Teacher

- 3-year
- Non-renewable
- Bachelor's degree
- Enrollment in Maryland-approved alternative preparation program
- Issued only in teaching areas

Montessori Professional

- Established in statute in the 2022 legislative session
- Lifetime
- Bachelor's degree
- Valid credential from the American Montessori Society, the Association Montessori Internationale, or a program accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education
- Passing scores on an approved reading instruction assessment or attestation of proficiency through observation completed by an MSDE-approved assessor

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