

Tiered Licensure in Minnesota

Tier 1 Requirements

Regionally Accredited
BACHELOR'S DEGREE

or

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BA EXEMPTIONS

(1) Career & Technical Education (CTE) and Career Pathways:

Requires: AA degree,
professional certificate, or 5
years of relevant work
experience

(2) World Language:

Must be a Native speaker

(3) Dance, Theater, Vocal and Instrumental Music:

Requires 5 years of experience
as a visual and performing
artist

Conditions:

-Good for one year and can be
renewed 3 times (additional times
for good cause)

(Note: A Tier 1 license in CTE,
career pathways, or a "shortage
area" can be renewed
indefinitely)

-District and teacher jointly apply

Tier 2 Requirements

Regionally Accredited
BACHELOR'S DEGREE
or falls under a **BA EXEMPTION**
(see Tier 1 requirements)

and

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

ENROLLMENT
in a Minnesota-approved
licensure program
or
MASTER'S DEGREE
in the content area

Conditions:

-Good for 2 years and can be
renewed 3 times (additional
times for good cause)

-District and teacher jointly
apply

Tier 3 Requirements

Regionally Accredited
BACHELOR'S DEGREE
or falls under a **BA EXEMPTION**
(see Tier 1 requirements)

and

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

COMPLETION
of a board-approved licensure
program (no exams)
or
COMPLETION
of a state-approved licensure
program that includes field-specific
student teaching equivalent to
Minnesota (no exams if exams
passed in other state)
or
PORTFOLIO
in a given licensure field (no exams)
or
**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING
LICENSE FROM ANOTHER STATE**
(in good standing), passing scores in
content and pedagogy exams, and
two years of teaching experience

Conditions:

-Good for 3 years and can be
renewed indefinitely

Tier 4 Requirements

Regionally Accredited
BACHELOR'S DEGREE
or falls under a **BA EXEMPTION**
(see Tier 1 requirements)

and

COMPLETION
of a board-approved or state-
approved licensure program

and

**THREE YEARS OF TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Conditions:

-Good for 5 years and can be
renewed indefinitely