

This is an amendment to 6.60.6 NMAC, Section 9, effective 08/15/2017.

6.60.6.9 REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCEMENT AND RENEWAL OF TEACHING LICENSES:

A. A teacher holding a valid level 1 license and seeking a level 2 license pursuant to the provisions of this rule shall meet the following requirements, which may not be waived or substituted by any other experience:

(1) complete three full school years of teaching experience as the teacher of record at ~~standard~~ level 1 New Mexico licensure with successful annual evaluations as determined by the local superintendent. The local superintendent shall consider the effectiveness ratings from the NMTEACH evaluation system as a consideration in determining whether the teacher has had successful evaluations. The superintendent will consider all annual evaluations that have occurred during the term of the level 1 license, except that a teacher who has completed two full school years of teaching experience while holding standard teaching licensure in New Mexico or in another state or country or has obtained level 1 New Mexico teaching licensure through reciprocity in 6.60.4 NMAC and is seeking advancement to level 2 may be required by a local New Mexico school district to complete up to two full years of teaching experience in New Mexico before being eligible for licensure advancement to level 2 except that a person who has completed one full school year of teaching in another state or country must teach for two full school years under standard level 1 New Mexico licensure; and

(2) ~~[submit, in a form acceptable to the director, a completed licensure application and either a professional development dossier (PDD), as provided in 6.69.4.11 NMAC or certification from the national board for professional teaching standards, and beginning in 2005, where the PDD may be submitted up to three months in advance of the completion of the requirement in Paragraph (1) of Subsection A of 6.60.6.9 NMAC with final PDD approval dependent upon the completion of three full years of teaching experience at level 1 licensure. Dossiers may be submitted only between the following dates:~~

~~(a) for school year 2009/2010, October 15, 2009 and March 31, 2010;~~
~~(b) for school year 2010/2011, July 15, 2010 and March 31, 2011;~~
~~(c) for all subsequent years, July 15 and March 31;]~~ submit, in a form acceptable to the director of licensure, a completed licensure application, along with the superintendent's assurance that the superintendent has considered the NMTEACH effectiveness ratings over the term of the level 1 license, as well as the superintendent's determination of successful annual evaluations. The teacher may apply for advancement by establishing either an effective or better rating on the NMTEACH evaluation system, as determined by the department; or, if the teacher does not meet the NMTEACH requirements, submit a professional development dossier (PDD), as provided in 6.69.4.11 NMAC or certification from the national board for professional teaching standards. The application for advancement may be submitted up to three months in advance of the completion of the requirement in Paragraph (1) of Subsection A of 6.60.6.9 NMAC with final approval dependent upon the completion of three full years of teaching experience at the level 1 licensure.

(3) complete the mentorship requirement for beginning teachers in 6.60.10 NMAC.

B. A teacher holding a valid level 2 license and seeking a level 3-A license pursuant to the provisions of this rule shall meet the following requirements, which may not be waived or substituted by any other experience:

(1) complete three full school years of teaching experience as the teacher of record at standard level 2 New Mexico licensure with successful annual evaluations as determined by the local superintendent. The local superintendent shall consider the effectiveness ratings from the NMTEACH evaluation system as a consideration in determining whether the teacher has had successful evaluations. The superintendent will consider all annual evaluations that have occurred during the term of level 2 license, except that a teacher who has four or more full school years of teaching experience while holding standard teaching licensure in New Mexico or in another state or country or has obtained level 2 New Mexico teaching licensure through reciprocity in 6.60.4 NMAC and who is seeking advancement to level 3-A may be required by a local New Mexico school district to complete up to two full years of teaching experience in New Mexico before being eligible for licensure advancement to level 3-A; and

(2) hold a post-baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university or hold certification from the national board for professional teaching standards; and

(3) ~~[submit, in a form acceptable to the director, a completed licensure application and either a professional development dossier (PDD), as provided in 6.69.4.11 NMAC or certification from the national board for professional teaching standards, and beginning in 2005, where the PDD may be submitted up to three months in advance of the completion of the requirement in Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 6.60.6.9 NMAC with final PDD~~

~~approval dependent upon the completion of three full years of teaching experience at level 2 licensure. Dossiers may be submitted only between the following dates:~~

~~(a) for school year 2009/2010, October 15, 2009 and March 31, 2010;~~
~~(b) for school year 2010/2011, July 15, 2010 and March 31, 2011;~~
~~(c) for all subsequent years, July 15 and March 31;]~~ submit, in a form acceptable to the director of licensure, a completed licensure application, along with the superintendent's assurance that the superintendent has considered the NMTEACH effectiveness ratings over the term of the level 2 license, as well as the superintendent's determination of successful annual evaluations, the teacher may apply for advancement by establishing either an effective or better rating on the NMTEACH evaluation system, as determined by the department; or, if the teacher does not meet the NMTEACH requirements, submit a professional development dossier (PDD), as provided in 6.69.4.11 NMAC or certification form the national board for professional teaching standards. The application for advancement may be submitted up to three months in advance of the completion of the requirement in Paragraph (1) of Subsection A of 6.60.6.9 NMAC with final approval dependent upon the completion of three full years of teaching experience at level 2 licensure.

C. A teacher holding a valid level 2 or level 3-A teaching license and seeking licensure renewal at the same level as the current license shall meet the requirements of either (1) or (2) below:

(1) If renewing a license through the PED, submit, along with the fee specified in 6.60.7.8 NMAC, a completed application for licensure renewal to the director and verification from the superintendent of the local school district or the governing authority of the state institution, charter school, or private school by which the applicant has been most recently employed as of the date of the application for licensure renewal, that the applicant has satisfactorily demonstrated the competencies for the current level of licensure and has met other requirements of the high objective uniform standard of evaluation for the current level of licensure as evidenced by the teacher's annual evaluations as determined by the local superintendent. The local superintendent shall consider the effectiveness ratings from the NMTEACH evaluation system as a consideration in determining whether the teacher has had successful annual evaluations. The superintendent will consider all annual evaluations that have occurred during the term of the current license.

(2) If renewing a license through a local New Mexico school district, state institution, charter school, or private school, complete the PED's application for licensure renewal. The employing school district, charter school, state institution, or private school shall attach to the application the PED's verification by the superintendent of the local school district or the governing authority of the state institution, charter school, or private school by which the applicant has been most recently employed as of the date of the application for licensure renewal, that the applicant has satisfactorily demonstrated the competencies for the level of licensure sought and has met other requirements of the high objective uniform standard of evaluation for the level of licensure as is evidenced by the teacher's annual evaluations as determined by the local superintendent. The local superintendent shall consider the effectiveness ratings from the NMTEACH evaluation system as a consideration in determining whether the teacher has had successful annual evaluations. The superintendent will consider all annual evaluations that have occurred during the term of the current license. These documents will be maintained on file in the teacher's personnel file in the local school district, state institution, charter school, or private school. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee will authorize the PED to issue the renewal of licensure through electronic notification procedures established by the PED when the PED determines such an electronic system is viable and operational. The license shall be printed by, and mailed to the license holder from, the PED. Under no circumstances will local school districts directly issue or print a New Mexico educator license. The PED shall determine how or if renewal fees authorized in 6.60.7.8 NMAC shall be paid by an applicant who renews the license under Paragraph (2) of Subsection C of 6.60.6.9 NMAC.

(3) If a teacher does not satisfactorily demonstrate the competencies for the level of licensure or other requirements of the high objective uniform standard of evaluation for licensure renewal, the applicant, depending on the outcome of any due process proceeding under the Uniform Licensing Act, sections 61-1-1 through 61-1-31, NMSA 1978, might not be issued a license.

D. A person holding a valid level 3-A license may choose not to renew the level 3-A license and apply for a level 2 license. The superintendent of the local school district or the governing authority of the state institution, charter school, or private school by which the applicant has been most recently employed as of the date of the application for licensure must submit to the director a verification that the applicant has satisfactorily met the high objective uniform standard of evaluation for level 2 license as is evidenced by the teacher's annual evaluations.

E. If a level 3-A teacher does not satisfactorily meet the high objective uniform standard of evaluation for level 3-A licensure renewal, the applicant, depending on the outcome of any due process proceeding under the Uniform Licensing Act, sections 61-1-1 through 61-1-31, NMSA 1978, might not be issued a level 3-A

license. In that case, the applicant may be issued a level 2 license if the superintendent of the local school district or the governing authority of the state institution, charter school, or private school by which the applicant has been most recently employed as of the date of the application for licensure renewal, submits to the director a verification that the applicant has satisfactorily met the high objective uniform standards of evaluation for level 2 licensure as is evidenced by the teacher's annual evaluations.

F. A teacher who has taught in New Mexico under a standard teaching license for one full school year and who subsequently teaches under a standard teaching license in another state or authorization to teach in another country and has met the total amount of years for advancement required in Paragraph (1) of Subsection A of 6.60.6.9 NMAC or Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 6.60.9 NMAC may advance to the next higher licensure level without presenting a dossier as required in Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 6.60.9 NMAC, or Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 6.60.6.9 NMAC.

G. ~~[A person who fails to complete the requirements of a [three (3) year] three year of a level one alternative license, non-renewable internship license as specified in 6.60.3 NMAC, shall not be issued another internship license in the same or another teaching field or endorsement area.]~~ A person who obtains a level one alternative license must complete the requirements for this license by the end of the second year. A third year may be granted by the director of licensure if adequate progress toward completion has been made. A person who fails to complete the requirements within the three years shall not be issued another alternative license in the same or another teaching field or endorsement area.

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