

8710.7100 RENEWAL OF TIER 3 OR 4 TEACHING LICENSES.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** This part applies to persons who have held Tier 3 or 4 licenses, or their previous equivalencies, and are seeking to renew Tier 3 or 4 licenses issued by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board under parts 8710.0313 and 8710.0314.

Subp. 1a. Renewal.

A. The board must renew the Tier 3 or 4 license of an applicant who is not employed in a Minnesota public school, who does not reside in Minnesota, and who has not been employed in a position requiring Minnesota licensure at any time during the school year immediately preceding the date of expiration, if one of the following is submitted:

(1) verification by a local continuing education/relicensure committee that the applicant has met renewal requirements for the Tier 3 license during the three-year period immediately preceding the application or for the Tier 4 license during the five-year period immediately preceding the application; or

(2) evidence of meeting the requirements under part 8710.7200, subpart 2a, and an official college transcript verifying that the applicant earned at least 12 quarter or eight semester hours of credit, applicable to the licensure field or fields, during the three-year period immediately preceding the application for Tier 3 licenses, or the five-year period immediately preceding the application for Tier 4 licenses.

B. If a requirement under item A is not met, a one-year extension of the expired Tier 3 or 4 license must be granted based on written documentation that the applicant has been offered a position contingent upon holding a valid license. An extension under this item expires on June 30 of the school year for which the license is issued and must not be renewed. In order to qualify for a Tier 3 or 4 license after a one-year extension, the applicant must provide written documentation that the renewal requirements for the Tier 3 or 4 license under item A, subitem (1), have been met.

Subp. 2. [Repealed, 43 SR 463]

Subp. 3. Application and validity period.

A. A license renewal period begins on July 1 of the year of expiration. An application for renewal is accepted for processing by the board after January 1 of the year of expiration.

B. A valid Tier 3 license must be renewed for a subsequent period of three years when an applicant presents verification by the local continuing education/relicensure committee that the applicant has, within the past three years, successfully completed at least 75 clock hours of professional development as specified in part 8710.7200.

C. A valid Tier 4 license must be renewed for a subsequent period of five years when an applicant presents verification by the local continuing education/relicensure committee that the applicant has, within the past five years, successfully completed at least 125 clock hours of professional development as specified in part 8710.7200.

Subp. 4. **Clock hour alternative pilot program.** In consultation with local education/relicensure committees, the board must develop an alternative to clock hours for meeting professional development requirements under part 8710.7200, subparts 2 and 2a. Once the pilot program has been established, local education/relicensure committees may pilot alternative professional development plans and determine on an individual basis whether to accept a professional development plan as an alternative to clock hours required under part 8710.7200, subpart 2.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 122A.09; 122A.18*

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