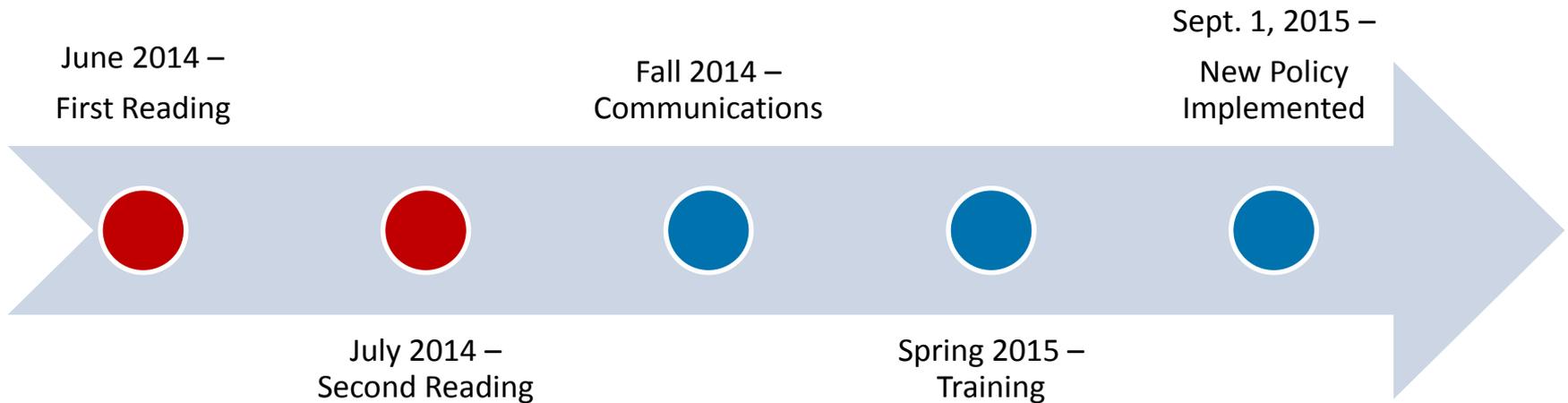




Licensure Policy Changes

Fall 2014

Future Licensure Policy - Transition Plan



In addition, TDOE is developing a new data system that will house both licensure and evaluation information. We anticipate that the new system will be fully developed by Summer 2015. Training opportunities will be made available for all relevant stakeholders.

Streamlining Educator License Types

License Type	Current	Approved
Permit	Permit	Permit
Initial Licenses	Apprentice Transitional Out-of-State Interim D <i>Interim B</i>	Practitioner <i>(Eliminate)</i>
Advanced Licenses	Professional	Professional
Other	Non-public license	Non-public license
TOTAL COUNT	8	5

- The JROTC license, the 3-Year International license, Adjunct license will not change.
- Waivers will be retained.
- The Apprentice Special Group license will be renamed to Practitioner School Services Personnel; Apprentice Occupational Teacher will be renamed Practitioner Occupational Teacher.
- Out-of-state educators holding *NBPTS Certification* will be granted a professional license upon initial application.

Redesigning Licensure Structure

Grade Spans	FUTURE Endorsement Areas
Early	PreK-K PreK-3
Elementary	K-5
Middle	Math/6-8 Science/6-8 English-Language Arts/6-8 Social Studies/6-8
Secondary	Core Academic/6-12 World Languages/6-12 Career and Technical/6-12
PreK-12	Fine Arts PE/Health English Language Learners World Languages
Special Education	Preschool/Early Childhood/PreK-3 Interventionist/K-8 Interventionist/6-12 Comprehensive/K-12

*Aspirational

**This list of assessments is not exhaustive. For complete list of current requirements, see Professional Assessments For Tennessee Educators, 5.105.

Practitioner License

■ Requirements for initial licensure:

- Hold a BA/BS
- Demonstrated content knowledge (Praxis or Major)
- Be enrolled in or have completed an approved preparation program
- Recommendation for initial licensure comes from EPP (even for candidates enrolled)

■ Structure

- 3-year validity period
- Renewable (once)
 - Submit application
 - Achieve qualifying score(s) on Praxis
 - Only available if criteria for advancement are not met

■ Advancement

- Submit application
- 3 years of experience
- AND
- Director Recommendation or 30 PDPs

Professional License

- **Requirements for initial licensure:** Advance from the Practitioner license

- **Structure**
 - 6-year validity period
 - Renewable
 - Submit application
 - Accrue 60 PDPs

Option	PDPs Awarded	Required Documentation
Training (Academy/Institute/ Seminar/Conference)	1 clock hour = 1 PDP 1 continuing education credit = 5 PDPs	Certificate of completion, Transcript OR Verification form signed by the Director of Schools (or designee)
College/University Coursework	1 semester hour credit = 10 PDPs (3 hour course = 30 PDPs)	Transcript
Overall Evaluation Score from TN-approved Evaluation Model	Overall Score of 5 = 20 PDPs Overall Score of 4 = 15 PDPs Overall Score of 3 = 10 PDPs	This information is maintained by TDOE. Educators are not required to submit any documentation. PDPs based on overall evaluation scores may be accrued on an annual basis.
National Board Certification	30 PDPs	Official documentation from NBPTS

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