

Frequently Asked Questions

Enhanced Reciprocity



A New Pathway for Out-of-State Educators to Obtain Connecticut Certification

The CSDE Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification is pleased to announce an additional pathway for educators to apply for and obtain certification if they hold a valid out-of-state, fully licensed educator certificate equivalent to at least Connecticut's initial educator certificate.

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-146c, effective April 18, 2022, Connecticut's recognition statement for "Enhanced Reciprocity" recognizes select states located in the Northeastern Region and territories to streamline the application process for certification.

Q: How does the recognition statement for Enhanced Reciprocity work?

A: Upon submission of an application packet, this option allows the Bureau to recognize a valid out-of-state fully licensed certificate for teaching, special services and/or administration to apply and obtain minimally a Connecticut three-year initial educator certificate in the closest comparable endorsement area. For administration and integrated early childhood/special education, please review additional information below.

Also, for certified educators applying from a state in the Northeastern Region and territories who have completed at least 20 school months of successful experience (documented on an ED 126) under an active, full certificate within the last ten years, an educator may qualify for a higher level of certification known as an eight-year provisional educator certificate.

Q: What states and territories are recognized for Enhanced Reciprocity?

A: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia

Q: How is Connecticut's recognition statement for Enhanced Reciprocity different than participation in the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement for all 50 states and territories?

A: Applying the pathway for enhanced reciprocity will streamline the application process by accepting a valid fully licensed out-of-state educator certificate, in order to apply and qualify for a comparable Connecticut endorsement area.

In comparison, the Interstate Agreement provides options for qualification based upon submission of documentation verifying the successful completion of an approved educator preparation program for licensure; successful completion of teaching and/or service under a valid out-of-state certificate within the last ten years; and a determination of whether assessments are required for qualification.



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Q: How do I know if my out-of-state license is acceptable per the recognition statement for Enhanced Reciprocity?

A: Submission of a general application (ED 170) and a \$50 review fee, along with a copy of a valid out-of-state educator certificate (temporary, emergency or interim certificates will not be accepted) from a state in the Northeastern Region or territories, is required for review.

Please note that the submission of official transcript(s) verifying a master's degree is required for applicants seeking a Connecticut Intermediate Administration and Supervision (#092) license.

Similarly, applicants seeking a Connecticut license for a special services area or other areas of administration may be required to submit official graduate transcript(s) verifying a master's degree.

Q: Is Enhanced Reciprocity available for all areas of Connecticut educator certification?

A: We are able to apply enhanced reciprocity for all endorsement areas for the noted states and territories. Please note special considerations for the endorsement areas appearing below.

- **Intermediate administration or supervision (#092):**

To advance an initial educator certificate to the provisional level, educators would need to meet initial educator certificate requirements consisting of completion of 18 semester hours of credit beyond a master's degree, along with successful service under the initial educator certificate.

- **Integrated early childhood/special education (#112 or #113):**

Unlike other states, Connecticut does not offer certification for early childhood alone; however, we do offer certification for the blended integrated early childhood/special education endorsement areas. Upon receipt of an application packet, including official transcripts, further determination of eligibility will be made for the closest comparable endorsement area(s). However, please note that applicants without sufficient special education coursework may instead be eligible for Connecticut's Elementary Education, grades 1-6 (#305) endorsement.

Submission of additional documentation may be required to determine the appropriate comparable Connecticut endorsement(s).