

Certification Alert

Connecticut Educator Certification News from the Connecticut State Department of Education



Phase Two: Enhanced Reciprocity Agreement

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-146c, the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification is pleased to announce that, effective March 1, 2024, Connecticut's recognition statement for "Enhanced Reciprocity" recognizes ten additional states to further streamline the application process for certification. To qualify for the enhanced reciprocity pathway, an individual must hold a valid out-of-state fully licensed educator certificate equivalent to, at minimum, Connecticut's initial educator certificate.

Upon submission of an application, this option allows the bureau to recognize a valid out-of-state fully licensed certificate for teaching, special services, and/or administration to obtain a Connecticut educator certificate in the closest comparable endorsement area.

Enhanced Reciprocity States and Territories

Alabama*	Maryland	Puerto Rico
Delaware	Michigan*	Rhode Island
District of Columbia	New Hampshire	South Carolina*
Georgia*	New Jersey	Tennessee*
Illinois*	New York	Vermont
Indiana*	North Carolina*	Virginia
Maine	Ohio*	Wisconsin*
Massachusetts	Pennsylvania	

**Indicates additional states recognized for Enhanced Reciprocity, effective March 1, 2024.*



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 minimum, 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 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 a Connecticut three-year initial educator certificate in the closest comparable endorsement area.

Certified educators applying from select states and territories who have completed at least 20 school months of successful experience (documented on an ED 126 form) under an active, full certificate within the last ten years, 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: Alabama, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin

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: Enhanced reciprocity can streamline the application process by accepting a valid, fully licensed out-of-state educator certificate, as the basis 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 select state or territory, is required for review.

Please note that the submission of official transcript(s) verifying a master's degree is required for applicants seeking administrative or special service endorsements. Candidates with applicable experience under the out-of-state license will also be asked to submit an ED 126: Statement of Professional Experience.

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, as long as Connecticut has an equivalent endorsement. Please note special considerations for the endorsement areas appearing below.

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

To be eligible for the provisional level, educators must meet the Connecticut requirement of 18 semester hours of graduate credit beyond a master's degree.

- **Special Services (#061, #068, #070, #071):**

To be eligible for Speech and Language Pathologist, School Counselor, School Psychologist, or School Social Worker certification, candidates must verify the award of an appropriate master's degree in the requested endorsement area.

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

Unlike other states, Connecticut does not offer certification for early childhood alone; instead, our endorsements are for the blended integrated early childhood/special education. 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.

- **Superintendent of Schools (#093):**

To be eligible for the provisional level, educators must meet the Connecticut requirement of 30 semester hours of graduate credit beyond a master's degree.

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