

Educator Licensure - Summary of June 2017 Board Regulatory Changes

Below are several recent changes with regards to educator licensure. Here are the highlights of the regulatory changes. I recommend you review the [Summary of June 2017 Board Changes](#) in its entirety.

Key Takeaways:

Subject Matter Knowledge Requirements (Content) - 60 required PDPs (15-content, 15-SEI, 15-disabilities/diverse learning styles, 15-pedagogy) = more flexibility for educators for remaining 90 PDP hours (reflected in change in red below)

Additionally, the Board made some changes regarding the naming of licenses, condensing approved program routes, and timelines.

Temporary License: The Temporary license will now be valid for one year of employment rather than one calendar year.

Preliminary/Provisional license: To help alleviate some confusion over the Preliminary and Initial license, the Board voted to change the name of the Preliminary license to Provisional. In addition, the Board approved a change related to the validity period of the Provisional license. Effective July 1, 2019, the maximum amount of time that someone can be employed under a Provisional license will be five years.

Initial license: To streamline the regulations, the Board approved a change to condense three approved program routes into one. The revised regulations also change the terminology for renewing an Initial license to the Initial Extension and permits educators to receive an Extension at any point during their fifth year of employment rather than waiting until they have completed their fifth year.

Educators renewing a Primary area license on or after July 28, 2017, must earn a minimum of 150 Professional Development Points (PDPs).

Point Distribution as of July 1, 2016 Primary Area	New Point Distribution as of July 28, 2017 Primary Area
At least 90 PDPs in the content area of the license or in pedagogy, with no less than 60 PDPs in or related to the content area of the educator's Primary area license	At least 15 PDPs in content
At least 15 PDPs related to Sheltered English Immersion or English as a Second Language	At least 15 PDPs related to Sheltered English Immersion or English as a Second Language
At least 15 PDPs related to training in strategies for effective schooling for students with disabilities and the instruction of students with	At least 15 PDPs related to training in strategies for effective schooling for students with disabilities and the instruction of students with

diverse learning styles	diverse learning styles
The remaining required 30 PDPs may be earned through either “elective” activities that address other educational issues and topics that improve student learning, or additional content, and/or pedagogy	At least 15 PDPs in pedagogy
	The remaining required 90 PDPs may be earned through any combination of “elective” activities that address other educational issues and topics that improve student learning, additional content, or pedagogy

Renewal of Additional License(s):

The renewal of each Additional license(s) will require 30 PDPs. Of the 30, at least 15 PDPs must be in the content area of the license. The remaining 15 PDPs may be earned through either “elective” activities that address other educational issues and topics that improve student learning, or additional content, pedagogy. Please note that renewing an invalid additional license requires 150 PDPs.

Point Distribution as of July 1, 2016 Additional Area	New Point Distribution as of July 28, 2017 Additional Area
A minimum of 30 PDPs in content	A minimum of 30 PDPs. Of the 30, at least 15 PDPs in content is required. The remaining 15 PDPs may be earned through either “elective” activities that address other educational issues and topics that improve student learning, additional content, or pedagogy.