

FROM PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSING AND STANDARDS BOARD (PELSB) AS OF JANUARY 18, 2018

INFORMATION FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CONCERNING RENEWAL YEARS AND USAGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CLOCK HOURS (CEU'S)

All five-year standard license holders have had their licenses extended by one year. Licenses that were going to expire in 2018 are now extended to 2019, and teachers **CANNOT** renew until their expiration year. Teachers whose licenses were set to expire in 2019 are now extended to 2020, and so on.

On the license look-up tool on PELSB's website, <https://mn.gov/pelsb> under **MN Educator License Lookup** click on **License Lookup**. There is a "license" tab and a "details" tab. Information about the extended deadline can be found under the "details" tab. The "license" tab shows a PDF of the original license, and the PELSB is not going to print 50,000+ of those and replace the images under that tab. If you need a hard copy of your license showing the new, extended expiration date, PELSB can print those as needed. **PELSB Contact:** Phone: 1-651-539-4200 Email: pelsb@state.mn.us

One Year License Holders

Teachers currently teaching on a one-year license will have their licenses extended one year too, but this has not happened yet. That is because it is advantageous for people with one year licenses who meet the eligibility requirements for five-year licenses to apply for that license before July 1, 2018. If they are granted a five-year standard license before that date, they will be grandfathered into Tier 4 status with the rest of the five-year license holders. If, by July 1, 2018 they have either applied and failed to meet the eligibility requirements or have not applied for a five-year license, at that time their one-year license will be automatically renewed for one year.

Five Year License Holders

What the extended expiration dates mean for renewal and for the accumulation of Clock Hours/CEUs: Teachers with five-year licenses that have just been extended are wondering whether or not CEUs that will be six years old by the time they renew will still be valid. The answer is yes. The system is set up to go 6 years back (technically 6.5) through the 2023 cycle and then revert back to 5 years (technically 5.5).

Old Renewal Year	New Renewal Year	You can Renew Your License After This Date	You can claim Clock Hours/CEU's after this date, if they have not been submitted previously.
2018	2019	January 1, 2019	January 1, 2013
2019	2020	January 1, 2020	January 1, 2014
2020	2021	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2015
2021	2022	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2016
2022	2023	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2017
NA	2024	January 1, 2024	January 1, 2019
NA	2025	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2020

Cultural Competency Training

The new Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) has to write and adopt rules to cover legislative changes that include a new **Cultural Competency Training** re-licensure requirement. It is not yet known whether the new rules will apply to teacher whose licenses extended from 2018 to 2019. More information when it happens.

Our advice for all five-year license holders is to get your 125 hours ready before your extended expiration date, but don't get additional CEUs before your extended expiration date (unless you want them for reasons other than licensure renewal), as they won't be counted in the next cycle). The only exception to this advice is to keep apprised of new licensure renewal requirements that include **Cultural Competency Training**. That training will be required for renewal at all tiers, but it has not yet been defined in rule and therefore does not yet exist, and we are not yet sure when it will be implemented.