
**Educator Licensure Rules 0520-02-03 -.02 and -.11 through -.13
Requirements for Educator Licenses, Endorsement Exemptions, Permits, and Limited License**

The Background:

Tennessee State Board of Education Educator Licensure Rule 0520-02-03 outlines the license types issued in Tennessee and pathways toward licensure. Sections -.02 govern various license types and their validity periods. Section -.11 governs the issuance of endorsement exemptions, Section -.12 governs issuance of permits, and Section -.13 governs the issuance of the limited license.

To align with recently passed legislation from the 2024 legislative session, this item proposes the following revisions to the rule:

- In accordance with HB390/SB191, extending the validity period for professional level licenses from no more than 7 years to no more than 11 years.
- In accordance with Public Chapter 843, revises the Permits Rule -.12 to allow the Commissioner to issue temporary teaching permits for elementary physical education (P.E.) courses. Revisions also allow an individual on a Limited License to teach elementary P.E.
- In accordance with Public Chapter 876, Allowing the Commissioner to issue temporary teaching permits for courses with an end-of-course (EOC) examination provided that the individual is assigned by a mentor teacher by the director of schools or director of the public charter school.

Lastly, this rule revises Section -.11 regarding endorsements to remove the reference to Public Chapter 932 of the 2022 legislative session that authorized endorsement exemptions for courses with an end-of-course examination. This flexibility was only available through the 2023-24 school year.

State Board staff will hold a rulemaking hearing between first and final reading to collect public feedback.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

Connection to the [Master Plan](#):

This item supports the State Board's strategic focus on Teachers and Leaders outlined in the Master Plan by ensuring alignment for license issuance, renewal, advancement, and reactivation across Educator and Instructional Leader License types.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.