



**APPLICATION FOR NORTH DAKOTA EDUCATOR'S
PROFESSIONAL LICENSE**
EDUCATION STANDARDS AND PRACTICES BOARD
SFN 9019 (10/2025)

ND Educator's Professional License Number

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or

Social Security Number (no dashes)

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Last Name, First Name, Middle Name			Maiden Name		
Address					
City			State	Zip Code (9-digit)	
Home Telephone Number	Work Telephone Number	Date of Birth	Email Address		
High School Attended	High School Graduated (Year)	High School Graduated (City)	High School Graduated (State)		

- 1) Check the appropriate type of license and application fee.
- 2) Submit check, money order, or credit card payable to ESPB. If using credit card, complete the payment page.
- 3) Complete **entire** application form.
- 4) Send Record of Education form (SFN 58417) to **each** college/university where you have obtained **education** degree(s) (not required if applying for the Other State Educator License or if you earned your teacher education degree outside the US).
- 5) Submit official transcripts from **each** college/university where you have earned a teacher education degree. If your degree was completed outside of the US, submit an official degree and course-by-course evaluation from a NACES member agency (www.naces.org/members)
- 6) Go to <https://www.nd.gov/espb/forms/initial-licensure-forms>, print Fingerprinting Instructions and complete for background check.
- 7) Submit copy of test scores, if applicable.

North Dakota Graduates

<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	Application fee – nonrefundable (required for all first-time applicants).	and	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85	Initial License - two year.
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Out of State Graduates

<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	Application fee – nonrefundable (required for all first-time applicants).	and	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$260	Out-of-State Reciprocal License (\$85)- two year, renewable once for three additional years. AND North Dakota Transcript Analysis (\$175) - nonrefundable. For applicants that do not hold a valid license in another state. – OR –		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$85	Other State Educator License – two year. For applicants that have held a valid out of state license less than 18 months. Send Confirmation of Other State Educator License form (SFN 59945) to the state agency where you currently hold a valid teaching license. – OR –		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$190	Other State Educator License – five year. For applicants that have held a valid out of state license more than 18 months. Send Confirmation of Other State Educator License form (SFN 59945) to the state agency where you currently hold a valid teaching license.		

Other License Options

<input type="checkbox"/> \$165	Alternative Access License - One year. Submit a letter from your administrator requesting this license.
<input type="checkbox"/> \$165	School Psychologist Interim License – One year. Submit a letter from your administrator requesting this license.
<input type="checkbox"/> \$95	Interim Substitute License - Two years.
<input type="checkbox"/> \$155	Teaching Permit – One Year. Submit a letter from your administrator requesting this license.
<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	40-day Provisional License. Submit your letter and your administrator's letter requesting this license. (In order to qualify for a 40-day provisional license, an applicant must also apply for their regular or interim substitute license with all appropriate fees and supporting documents.)

Part 1. Must be completed by all applicants. Please check “yes” or “no” for each question.

1	Are you legally eligible to work in the United States? You must have a valid United States Social Security number to be eligible for a North Dakota license.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2	Are you able to provide documentation of your eligibility to work in the United States?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3	Were you ever arrested, charged, or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony other than minor traffic offenses? If yes , attach your signed and dated letter of explanation and submit copies of the court records.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
4	Have you ever been dismissed (fired) from any teaching job, resigned at the request of your employer, or while charges against you or an investigation of your behavior were pending? You must answer “yes” even if the matter was later resolved with any form of settlement or severance agreement regardless of its terms. If yes , attach your signed and dated letter of explanation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5	Are you presently being investigated by your current or any previous employer or by any licensing, certification, or other regulatory body for any alleged misconduct or other alleged grounds for discipline? If yes , attach your signed and dated letter of explanation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6	Have you ever had a license denied, suspended, or revoked in any state, or have you in any way been sanctioned by a licensing, certification, or other regulatory agency or body? If yes , attach your signed and dated letter of explanation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
7	If you graduated in teacher education after September 1, 1980, have you completed a course in Native American studies and Multicultural education? If you graduated prior to September 1, 1980, mark “n/a”.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Part 2. Competencies

Mental Health Competency

Can you demonstrate competencies in youth mental health? (Example: Coursework, trauma or suicide prevention training, district professional development, or other training related to youth mental health.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes”, describe the mental health competency training you have received.

Reading Competency

If you are an elementary education, early childhood education, or special education teacher, can you demonstrate competencies in beginning reading instruction based on scientifically and research-based curricula which focuses on phonemic awareness, phonetics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, how to assess student reading ability, how to identify and correct reading difficulties, and the use of systematic direct instruction to ensure all students obtain necessary early reading skills? A candidate who does not meet the competencies has up to two years to complete. (Example: Standardized reading competency exam not including basic skills or Core reading. Specific reading coursework or other reading training may qualify.) **If you are licensed K-12 or 5-12, please mark N/A.**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If “Yes”, please list the courses or the test you completed that met the above reading competency.

Mandated Reporter Training – This does not apply to interim substitute license applicants.

All initial licensure candidates must verify completion of the mandated reporter training program for suspected child abuse or neglect offered by the ND Department of Health and Human Services. Please visit their website at <https://mandatedreporter.pcand.org/educators-welcome/> to complete the training. You will need to attach a copy of your certificate of completion to this application.

I've attached a copy of my Mandated Reporter Training Certificate to this application:

☐ Yes ☐ No, but will submit my certificate once training is complete. ☐ N/A – I'm applying for an interim substitute license.

Part 3. List your current and last two places of contracted education employment. **Substitute** teachers please mark substitute. **New graduates** please mark n/a.

K-12 School Name, City, and State	Grade/Subject	Dates inclusive (mm/yy to mm/yy):
Immediate Supervisor	Contracted <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Years of employment:
K-12 School Name, City, and State	Grade/Subject	Dates inclusive (mm/yy to mm/yy):
Immediate Supervisor	Contracted <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Years of employment:
K-12 School Name, City, and State	Grade/Subject	Dates inclusive (mm/yy to mm/yy):
Immediate Supervisor	Contracted <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Years of employment:

Part 4. NDCC 15.1-13-15 requires first time applicants to subscribe to the oath of affirmation below.

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of my position, according to the best of my ability. I declare under penalty of perjury the information furnished herein is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct, and complete.

I understand that knowingly providing false information may be grounds for denial of licensure. **ESPB is authorized to release Social Security Numbers to the BCI and the FBI.**

Subscribed to me this _____ day of _____, 20_____, City of _____,
State of _____.

Your signature must be **original** and dated in the last six months.

Signature of Applicant

Return **original** form to: Education Standards and Practices Board
2718 Gateway Ave, Suite 204
Bismarck ND 58503-0585
espinfo@nd.gov
(701) 328-9641 (Office)

In compliance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, the disclosure of the individual's social security number on this form is mandatory pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) 43-50-02. The individual's social security number is used by the ESPB as an identification number for file control purposes, background checks, and recordkeeping. ESPB does not advocate, permit, nor practice discrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, age, or disability as required by various state and federal laws.



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