



Virginia Department of Education

Department of Teacher Education and Licensure

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Statutory Requirements

Pursuant to the *Code of Virginia*, there are several statutory requirements individuals must complete for an initial license to be issued or for license renewal.

Licensure Renewal Statutory Requirements:

*Statutory requirements must be completed during each renewal cycle.

Certification of Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention Training

Include a copy of the certificate verifying completion of this statutory requirement. Individuals seeking licensure renewal must complete study in child abuse and neglect recognition and intervention in accordance with curriculum guidelines approved by the Virginia Board of Education. A [training module](#) is available at no cost.

- Individuals must select the “Required Training/Courses” tab under the heading “Child Protective Services.”
- Then select the “Child Abuse and Neglect: Recognizing, Reporting, & Responding (for educators).”

To print the certificate after completing the training, the computer must be connected to a printer.

Emergency First Aid, CPR (including Hands-on Practice), and AED Training or Certification

Include documentation verifying this statutory requirement has been met. Every person seeking renewal of a license shall provide evidence of completion of certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators. The certification or training program shall be based on the current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

The following must be included on official documentation submitted to the licensure office by an individual:

- Individual’s full name.
- Title or description of training or certification completed that clearly indicates that all three components were included: 1) emergency first aid, 2) CPR, and 3) use of AEDs.
- Date the training or certification was completed.

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- Signature and title of the individual providing the training or certification or a printed certificate from the organization or group that provided the training or certification. Legible copies of wallet-sized certification cards or other sized certifications, containing the above information, from organizations providing current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross will be accepted.

The Board has provided a waiver for this requirement for any person with a disability whose disability prohibits such person from completing the certification or training. An individual requesting a waiver must submit a “[Request for a Waiver Form](#).”

Dyslexia Awareness Training

Include a copy of the certificate verifying completion of this statutory requirement. Individuals seeking initial licensure shall complete awareness training on the indicators of dyslexia, as that term is defined by the Board pursuant to regulations, and the evidence-based interventions and accommodations for dyslexia. A [dyslexia module](#) is available at no cost.

Special Education Training

Include a copy of both certificates verifying completion of this statutory requirement. Individuals seeking licensure renewal shall complete training in the instruction of students with disabilities that includes (i) differentiating instruction for students depending on their needs; (ii) understanding the role of general education teachers on the individualized education program team; (iii) implementing effective models of collaborative instruction, including co-teaching; and (iv) understanding the goals and benefits of inclusive education for all students.

To meet the requirements, the Virginia Department of Education Office of Special Education and Student Services has developed two free online modules that will satisfy the competencies of the requirement. Both modules must be completed for renewal of a teaching license. The first module, [Meaningful IEP Online Training](#), satisfies competency ii. The second module, [Evidence-Based Instruction: Strategies and Inclusive Practice](#), satisfies competencies i, iii, and iv. Individuals completing the modules should print a copy of each certificate of completion for verification. Please note the certificates are fillable PDFs and the completer’s name and the date should be typed on the certificate.

School Counselor: Training in the Recognition of Mental Health Disorder and Behavioral Distress (School Counselors Only)

Individuals seeking licensure renewal with an endorsement as a school counselor must include verification of this statutory required training in the recognition of mental health disorder and behavioral distress, including depression, trauma, violence, youth suicide, and substance abuse. Refer to [Superintendent’s Memo #003-22](#) for additional information on training options to meet this requirement.

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[Virginia History or State and Local Government Module \(Certain Endorsements Only\)](#)

Any individual licensed and endorsed to teach (i) middle school civics or economics or (ii) high school government or history who is seeking renewal of such license is required to demonstrate knowledge of Virginia history or state and local government by completing a module or professional development course specifically related to Virginia history or state and local government that has a value of five professional development points. Successful completion of the [Virginia State and Local Civic Education Module](#) will satisfy this renewal requirement. Please print and submit the module certificate with renewal documentation.

Below is a list of teaching endorsements that permit an individual holding a valid Virginia teaching license to teach (i) middle school civics or economics, or (ii) high school government or history. Please note that some of these endorsements are no longer issued; however, individuals may have received one or more of the endorsements pursuant to previous regulations. Individuals who hold any one of these endorsements on a Virginia license must satisfy the Virginia history or state and local government requirement for renewal.

Endorsements:

- Early-Middle Education K-8
- Elementary Grades NK-8
- Elementary Grades K-7
- Elementary Grades K-8
- Elementary Grades 1-7
- Elementary Grades 4-7
- Kindergarten Elementary Grades 1-7
- Economics
- Government
- History
- History and Social Sciences
- Middle Education Grades 4-8
- Middle Education Grades 5-8
- Middle Education Grades 6-8
- Middle Education Grades 6-7
- Middle Education 6-8: History and Social Science
- Social Studies-Without History

[Effective July 1, 2023: Cultural Competency Training](#)

Include a copy of the certificate verifying completion of this statutory requirement. HB1904 and SB119 were identical bills passed during the 2021 General Assembly that support a culturally competent educator workforce in the Commonwealth. Individuals seeking an initial license must complete [Cultural Competency Training](#) and individuals seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license with an endorsement in history and social sciences shall complete instruction in African American history, as prescribed by the Board.