

Important information for continuing education committee members

- Early in 2018, PELSB notified teachers that it has extended teaching five-year standard licenses by one year. However, PELSB's email list for current license holders is not up-to-date, so a lot of our members did not get and will not get the notice.
 - 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, 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 have a member who needs a hard copy of his or her license showing the new, extended expiration date, PELSB can print those as needed.
 - 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.
- **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 re-licensure requirement.** It is not yet known whether the new rules will apply to teacher whose licenses extended from 2018 to 2019. Stay tuned!
- **What the extended expiration dates mean for renewal and for the accumulation of 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).**
 - If your license was set to expire in 2018 but is extended to 2019, you can renew in 2019 with CEUs as old as January, 2013.
 - If your license was set to expire in 2019 but is extended to 2020, you can renew in 2020 with CEUs as old as January, 2014.
 - If your license was set to expire in 2020 but is extended to 2021, you can renew in 2021 with CEUs as old as January, 2015.

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- If your license was set to expire in 2021 but is extended to 2022, you can renew in 2022 with CEUs as old as January, 2016.
- If your license was set to expire in 2022 but is extended to 2023, you can renew in 2023 with CEUs as old as January, 2017.

After that, everyone will have cycled through. So when folks go to renew in 2024, they can only use CEUs as old as January, 2019. When folks renew in 2025, they can only use CEUs as old as January, 2020, and so on.

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 which cohort will be the first that has to meet this new requirement.

- The only people whose relicensure materials local committees will need to review this spring and summer are teachers who reside in the district who have let their licenses lapse and who need to renew in order to teach in the 2018/19 school year.

More at: <https://www.educationminnesota.org/resources.aspx#credentials-licensure>

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