

Licensure Renewal Under New Rules

#1. Anyone who received an Initial I License and does NOT have a masters degree has 10 years from the issuance of their first Initial I License to meet the requirements for either the Continuing License or the Initial II License (which include completing a masters degree or a masters equivalency). Anyone who received their first Initial I License **after** July 1, 2005 and HOLDS a masters degree has 6 years from the issuance of their first Initial I License to meet the requirements for either the Continuing License or the Initial II License.

#2. The requirements for the Continuing License are 5 years experience teaching in Oregon, approved masters degree and documentation of advanced teaching competencies...a portfolio program where you bring evidence from your teaching documenting that you bring about student learning at an advanced level. This program is typically 9-15 quarter hours and results in a C-2 recommendation from the institution for the Continuing License.

#3. An alternative to the Continuing License (which allows you to teach in the same way) is an Initial II License. In order to qualify for the Initial II License you must have: a masters degree or an equivalent (45 graduate credits: 15 of which is content, 15 is pedagogy and 15 is electives), and 9 quarter hours or 6 semester hours of graduate credit (500 and above) of your choice germane to teaching from an accredited university.

#4. If you received your first Initial I License BEFORE July 1, 2005, all you will need is a C1 form and the district's PEER form verifying your experience to renew your Initial I License. You do NOT need to show progress towards either the masters or the additional 9 quarter hours. You will be granted another Initial I License valid for 3-4 years depending upon when you renew it. (If you only have a bachelor's degree it is highly recommended that you work towards completing a masters or equivalent now.) However you will still have the standard timeline, (either 6 or 10 years depending upon masters degree), to meet the requirements of the second stage license.

#5. Should you meet the requirements for either of those second stage licenses before the standard timeline....submit all of your verification when you apply and that license will be granted to you.

#6. The only practical difference between the Initial II and the Continuing Licenses is that the Initial II is valid for three years and the Continuing is valid for five years: therefore you pay less over the life of your career for renewing the Continuing License. Also the Continuing License has exact reciprocity with the highest license in Washington State. (All other states accept both second stage licenses from Oregon equally.)

#7. When you receive either second stage license (Initial II License or Continuing License), you can renew the same license thereafter by verifying at least one year of teaching experience and 25 PDUs (professional development units or hours) per year that you are contractually employed (125 PDUs for five years of contractual employment or 75 PDUs for three years of contractual employment).

#9. If you received your first Initial I License AFTER July 1, 2005, then you must show progress towards your second stage license in order to renew your Initial I License. Progress is defined as at least 4.5 quarter hours or 3 semester hours of graduate credit (500 level and above) germane to teaching from an accredited university. **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RENEW YOUR INITIAL I LICENSE WITHOUT VERIFICATION OF THIS CREDIT IF YOU ARE IN THIS GROUP.**

#10. Teacher education programs and degrees must be obtained through a regionally accredited and approved program in the US or, if a foreign degree or program, must pass an approved foreign degree transcript evaluation process.