

## APPLICATION PROCESSING FEES FOR LICENSURE

Please check the NMPED website for updated fee schedules.

### Initial and Additional Licensure Application:

Teacher, Administrator, and Instructional Support Provider..... \$150

### Endorsement Application:

Adding Endorsement(s) to a Teaching License \$120

### Fingerprint Processing:

Background Check.....\$44  
(Background checks now taken by authorized Cogent sites. Additional information at [https://www.aps.gemalto.com/nm/index\\_NM.htm](https://www.aps.gemalto.com/nm/index_NM.htm))

## FAQs

### What documents are needed to start the application?

A copy of your official transcripts conferring a minimum of a Bachelor's degree and Acceptance Letter from an Alternative Licensure program.



### Links:

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/>

### Contact the NMPED

For additional information about alternative routes to teacher licensure, please refer the NMPED website or contact the Public Education Department at [licensureunit@state.nm.us](mailto:licensureunit@state.nm.us) (505) 827-5821 Option 1 or 2



### How can I qualify for an Alternative license?

With your application and fee, you need to provide our office proof of acceptance into an approved teacher education program or proof of eligibility to complete the Alternative Licensure process or a letter explaining what you intend to do (already have a license, getting another, i.e. Pre-K-12).

### Is the Alternative license renewable?

No. All requirements (coursework and testing) must be met by the expiration date of the 2-year license. There are absolutely no extensions on Alternative licenses!

### Can experience earned during the life of the Alternative license count toward advancement in the three-tiered system?

Yes. Experience on an Alternative license does count towards advancement.

### If I receive an internship license in one area, can I switch to another?

You can switch, however, you will only have 2 years in which to meet all requirements for either of the licenses.

### What if I complete all of the requirements in 1 year?

You will need to submit a copy of your official transcripts showing completion of the coursework and a Letter of Completion. Exam scores will need to be onLinks: file with the NMPED.

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# ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO TEACHER LICENSURE

Information derived from New  
Mexico Public Education  
De-partment (NMPED)

[https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensur  
e/alternative-licensure-programs-opportunities/](https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensur/e/alternative-licensure-programs-opportunities/)

## PATHWAYS TO ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE:

It is anticipated that the number of teachers graduating from traditional university teacher education programs will fall short of the number needed to replace retiring teachers.

### WHERE WILL WE FIND HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS TO FILL THESE IMPORTANT POSITIONS

Many people with a bachelor's, master's, law or doctoral degree have an interest in teaching, but lack the necessary teaching credentials. These people may have years of experience in others fields which could have significant relevance in the classroom. In addition to having experience in a particular field, these people may have been parents, scout leaders, or sports coaches and realized that working with youth is more rewarding than the non-teaching career they had chosen. However, returning to college for a four-year teaching degree may not be an option. In fact, it may not be an option to be unemployed for any period of time in order to pursue a career in education.

In addition to mid-career changers, some recent college graduates discover that they are natural teachers. Soon after leaving college they are considering a path into teaching. Alternative Licensure may be the right choice for those wishing to "fast-track" into teaching.

### CONSIDER THE OPTIONS FOR EARNING ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE AND CHOSE THE ONE WHICH SUITS YOU BEST.

#### TO BEGIN THE PROCESS YOU MUST:

- Enroll in the College or University of your choice.
- Gain acceptance into their Alternative Licensure program and begin the application process for your teaching license via NMPED.
- The NMPED will grant you a temporary 2 year teaching license to allow you teach while to you complete your Alternative program.



## ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS FOR:

- Early Childhood Birth-Grade 3
- Elementary K-8
- Secondary 7-12
- Special Education (K-12)



### Bachelor's Degree

(from a regionally accredited college or university) including 30 semester hours in a combination of language arts, mathematics, science, history, fine & performing arts and modern, classical & native language

OR



### Master's Degree

(from a regionally accredited college or university) including 12 graduate hours in a combination of language arts, mathematics, science, history, fine & performing arts and modern, classical & native language

OR



### Doctor's Degree

(from a regionally accredited college or university)

AND

Complete 12-21 semester hours in a PED approved alternative program including 6 semester hours of credit in the teaching of reading

AND

Passage of the Praxis exams:

- Principles of Learning and Teaching (Grades K-6 /or/ Grades 7-12)
- Teaching Reading: Elementary
- Elementary Education: CIA
- Content Knowledge Assessment in
  - 1.Special Education or
  - 2.Early Childhood Education or
  - 3.Program Specific Content Area

## ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE PROGRAMS:

- Central New Mexico Community College (CNM)
- Eastern New Mexico University
- New Mexico Jr College
- New Mexico State University (online program)
- Northern New Mexico College
- San Juan College (online program)
- Santa Fe Community College (online program)
- University of New Mexico
- Western New Mexico University
- Cooperative Educational Services (LEAP)

## MASTER'S DEGREE TEACHER PROGRAMS:

- Eastern New Mexico University
- New Mexico Highlands University
- New Mexico State University
- New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
- University of New Mexico
- Western New Mexico University

The following areas are considered hard to fill within APS and offer the most employment opportunities:

- 6-12 Math and Science
- K-12 ESL/Bilingual Endorsement
- K-12 Special Education

Apply for positions with APS at:

[www.aps.edu/jobs](http://www.aps.edu/jobs)



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