



## Introduction

During the 2022 Legislative session, legislators recognized the heavy burden that the Covid-19 pandemic caused to Oregon’s K-12 schools. House Bill (HB) 4030, which addresses educator recruitment and retention, gives the Commission authority to suspend the verification of Professional Development required to renew or reinstate most licenses.

***Effective for applications submitted on 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2023, educators are not required to report Professional Development Units (PDUs) to TSPC to renew or reinstate a license. Those employed in Oregon schools, districts and educational service districts must continue to complete professional development as directed by the employer.***

TSPC recognizes the importance continued education has on educational systems and the direct work happening with students. The intent of this bill was not for educators to discontinue seeking out and applying Professional Development to their work. This is a temporary measure intended to reduce a barrier caused by Covid-19 and the extreme educator shortages. The Commission, the public, and Oregon’s students maintain high standards for licensed educator’s professional learning, whether the learning activity results in the awarding of PDUs for purposes of license renewal.

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### PEER Forms

*Question: Does the district still need to submit the PEER form?*

School, districts and ESDs should continue to submit PEER forms and include PDUs earned by an educator to demonstrate the district’s commitment to providing professional development for licensed staff. TSPC staff reviews reported assignments to be sure educators are working within the scope of the license and licensees may need the experience documented to meet requirements for a new license type.

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## 2022 PDU Suspension Guidance and FAQs Teacher Standards and Practices Commission



### Advanced PDUs for the Professional Teaching License

*Question: Does this suspension apply to the Advanced PDU option to move from the Preliminary to the Professional Teaching License?*

Moving from the Preliminary to the Professional Teaching license is **upgrading** rather than **renewing**, so the district must submit the Advanced Professional Development form to include the number of awarded Advanced PDUs and the teaching experience.

### Application Submitted Prior to this Announcement

*Question: I've submitted my application and paid the fee, but I haven't completed or sent in my PDUs.*

All applications submitted on or after 1/1/2022 pending for PDUs will be processed without verification of PDUs. If other requirements must be met, those items must be submitted.

If you applied to renew prior to 1/1/2022, you still must submit evidence of PDUs. You are eligible for the reduced PDU requirement due to COVID (subtract 37 from your requirement of 75 or 125)

### What happens 1/1/2024?

*Question: My license expires after 12/31/2023. Will I need to submit PDUs or will there be a reduction in the number required?*

Renewal applications for licenses expiring on or after 1/1/2024 will be subject to renewal requirements in place at that time. Holders of licenses that require PDUs for renewal are encouraged to continue to earn PDUs. When the law expires on 12/31/2023, the Commission will likely require evidence of Professional Development to renew. Be sure to keep your email address up to date in eLicensing to receive notifications about renewals.

### Substitute License Issued

*Question: I was just issued a Substitute License because I didn't have PDUs to renew my license. Can I request a review of the application and get my Preliminary or Professional back?*

You can request a review within 30 days of the license issue date.

*Question: My Substitute License was issued more than 30 days ago. What do I do to get my Preliminary or Professional License back?*

If you hold an active Substitute License that was issued more than 30 days ago, you must submit a "New" application and fee through eLicensing.

### Lapsed License

*Question: I let my license (any type) expire because I hadn't earned the PDUs. Will the Late Fees apply if I want to get my license back?*

Yes, late fees will apply any time you let a renewable license expire. ORS 342.127 (the law) directs the Commission to charge these fees.

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### Carryover PDUs

*Question: What about carryover PDUs from my last renewal? Will they carry over to my next renewal since I didn't use them this time?*

Acceptability of carryover PDUs will be determined based on rules in effect at the time of the next renewal. Educators are encouraged to complete Professional Development during each term of the license.

### Restricted Licenses

*Question: I hold a Restricted license (any type). Do I still have to make progress in my program?*

Yes. The suspension only applies to holders of full, non-provisional licenses. Holders of any kind of Restricted license must continue in to make progress in their program. Holders of a Restricted CTE license must complete the requirements as outlined in their Professional Development Plan.

### Reciprocal Licenses

*Question: I hold a Reciprocal license (teaching or administrative). Do I still have to complete the requirements I was given when the license was issued?*

Yes. Those holding the Reciprocal Teaching License most likely need to complete content knowledge testing. School Administrators from other states generally need to complete a course in Oregon School Law and Finance. Please follow these steps to see your specific requirements:

1. Log into eLicensing
2. Go to your Messages tab
3. View the Message with the Subject that discusses the requirements for your "Next Oregon License"

### Which License Types require Professional Development to renew?

| Teachers  | Administrators                      | Personnel Services Staff  |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Preliminary<br>Professional<br>Teacher Leader<br>Legacy<br>Limited<br>Preliminary CTE<br>Professional CTE | Principal<br>Professional<br>Legacy | Preliminary School Counselor<br>Professional School Counselor<br>Legacy School Counselor<br>Preliminary School Psychologist<br>Professional School Psychologist<br>Legacy School Psychologist<br>Limited Student Services<br>Preliminary School Social Worker<br>Professional School Social Worker<br>Professional School Nurse<br>Emergency School Nurse |

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