

Shortage Areas: Licensure

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Purpose

To renew a Tier 1 more than three times, an individual has a few options allowed in statute to request a fourth renewal. One of those areas is teaching in a licensure shortage area. The first table in this document indicates all licensure areas considered a shortage area across the state of Minnesota.

Another option for a fourth renewal is a licensure shortage area within the economic development region you are requesting to teach in. There is a table for each economic development region in this document. These tables only list *additional* shortage areas beyond what is already available for the statewide licensure shortage areas.

Statewide Shortage Areas

Licensure Area
Agricultural Education
American Indian Language, History, and Culture
Business
Computer, Keyboarding, and Related Technology Applications
Dance
Dance and Theatre
Early Childhood Education
English as a Second Language
Family and Consumer Sciences
Work Based Learning
Technology
Theatre Arts
Visual Arts

CTE Licensure Areas
Communications Technology Careers
Construction Careers
Cosmetology
Creative Design Careers
Early Childhood Careers
Hospitality Service Careers
Law Enforcement
Manufacturing Careers
Medical Careers
Transportation Careers

Science Licensure Areas
Chemistry
Earth & Space Science
Life Sciences
Physics
Science (Grades 5-8)

Special Education Licensure Areas
Academic Behavioral Strategist
Autism Spectrum Disorders
Blind or Visually Impaired
Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Developmental Disabilities
Early Childhood (ECSE)
Emotional Behavior Disorders
Oral/Aural Deaf Education

Economic Development Region 1: Northwest

Kittson County, Marshall County, Norman County, Pennington County, Polk Count, Red Lake County, and Roseau County

Licensure Area Description
Communication Arts
Health
Industrial Arts/Technology
Instrumental Music
Mathematics
Physical Education
Social Studies
Special Education: Developmental Adapted Physical Education (DAPE)
Vocal Music

Economic Development Region 2: Headwaters

Beltrami County, Clearwater County, Hubbard County, Lake of the Woods County, and Mahnomen County

Licensure Area Description
Communications Arts
Health
Industrial Arts/Technology
Instrumental Music
Mathematics
Parent and Family Education
Special Education: Learning Disabilities
Special Education: Developmental Adapted Physical Education (DAPE)
Vocal Music

Economic Development Region 3: Arrowhead

Aitkin County, Carlton County, Cook County, Itasca County, Koochiching County, Lake County, St. Louis County

Licensure Area Description
Instrumental Music
Industrial Arts/Technology
Library Media Specialist
Mathematics
Parent and Family Education
Physical Education
Special Education: Developmental Adapted Physical Education (DAPE)
Special Education: Learning Disabilities
Vocal Music
World Language & Cultures (all languages and cultures)

Economic Development Region 4: West Central

Becker County, Clay County, Douglas County, Grant County, Otter Tail County, Pope County, Stevens County, Traverse County, Wilkin County

Licensure Area Description
Communication Arts
Health
Mathematics
Music
Parent and Family Education
Physical Education
Reading
Special Education: Developmental Adapted Physical Education (DAPE)
Special Education: Learning Disabilities

Economic Development Region 5: North Central

Cass County, Crow Wing County, Morrison County, Todd County, Wadena County

Licensure Area Description	
Communication Arts	
Health	
Industrial Arts/Technology	
Mathematics	
Parent and Family Education	
Physical Education	
Social Studies	
Special Education: Developmental Adapted Physical Education	
Special Education: Learning Disabilities	
Special Education: Physical Disabilities	
Vocal Music	

Economic Development Region 6E: Southwest Central

Kandiyohi County, McLeod County, Meeker County, Renville County

Licensure Area Description	
Communications Arts	
Health	
Industrial Arts/Technology	
Mathematics	
Parent and Family Education	
Physical Education	
Social Studies	
Special Education: Developmental Adapted Physical Education	
Special Education: Learning Disabilities	

Economic Development Region 6W: Upper Minnesota Valley

Big Stone County, Chippewa County, Lac qui Parle County, Swift County, Yellow Medicine County

Licensure Area Description
Communication Arts
Health
Instrumental Music
Mathematics
Reading
Social Studies
Special Education: Developmental Adapted Physical Education
Special Education: Learning Disabilities
Vocal Music

Economic Development Region 7E: East Central

Chisago County, Isanti County, Kanabec County, Mille Lacs County, Pine County

Licensure Area Description
Communication Arts
Health
Wathematics
Parent and Family Education
Social Studies
Special Education: Developmental Adapted Physical Education
Special Education: Learning Disabilities
Vocal Music

Economic Development Region 7W: Central

Benton County, Sherburne County, Stearns County, and Wright County

Licensure Area Description
Industrial Arts/Technology
Special Education: Developmental Adapted Physical Education
Special Education: Learning Disabilities
Special Education: Traumatic Brain Injury
World Language and Cultures (all languages and cultures)

Economic Development Region 8: Southwest

Cottonwood County, Jackson County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, Murray County, Nobles County, Pipestone County, Redwood County, and Rock County

Licensure Area Description
Communication Arts
Health
Library Media Specialist
Math, Science, or Technology
Mathematics
Music
Parent and Family Education
Social Studies
Special Education: Developmental Adapted Physical Education
Special Education: Learning Disabilities
Vocal Music
World Languages and Cultures (all languages and cultures)

Economic Development Region 9: South Central

Blue Earth County, Brown County, Faribault County, Le Sueur County, Martin County, Nicollet County Sibley County, Waseca County, and Watonwan County

Licensure Area Description
Mathematics
Reading
Special Education: Developmental Adapted Physical Education
Special Education: Learning Disabilities
Vocal Music

Economic Development Region 10: Southeast

Dodge County, Fillmore County, Freeborn County, Goodhue County, Houston County, Mower County, Olmsted County, Rice County, Steele County, Wabasha County, and Winona County

Licensure Area Description
Communication Arts
Industrial Arts/Technology
Instrumental Music
Library Media Specialist
Mathematics
Parent and Family Education
Physical Education
Special Education: Developmental Adapted Physical Education
Special Education: Learning Disabilities
Special Education: Physical Disabilities
Vocal Music

Economic Development Region 11: 7-County Twin Cites

Anoka County, Carver County, Dakota County, Hennepin County, Ramsey County, Scott County, and Washington County

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