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License Types that can be Renewed/Reinstated

- **Level I License:** A three (3) year educator license. See rules 5410 and 5431 of the *Rules Governing Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Educational Professionals*.
- **Level II License:** A five (5) year educator license. See rules 5420 and 5432 of the *Rules Governing Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Educational Professionals*.
- **Retired:** A five (5) year educator license. See rules 5424 and 5433 of the *Rules Governing Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Educational Professionals*.

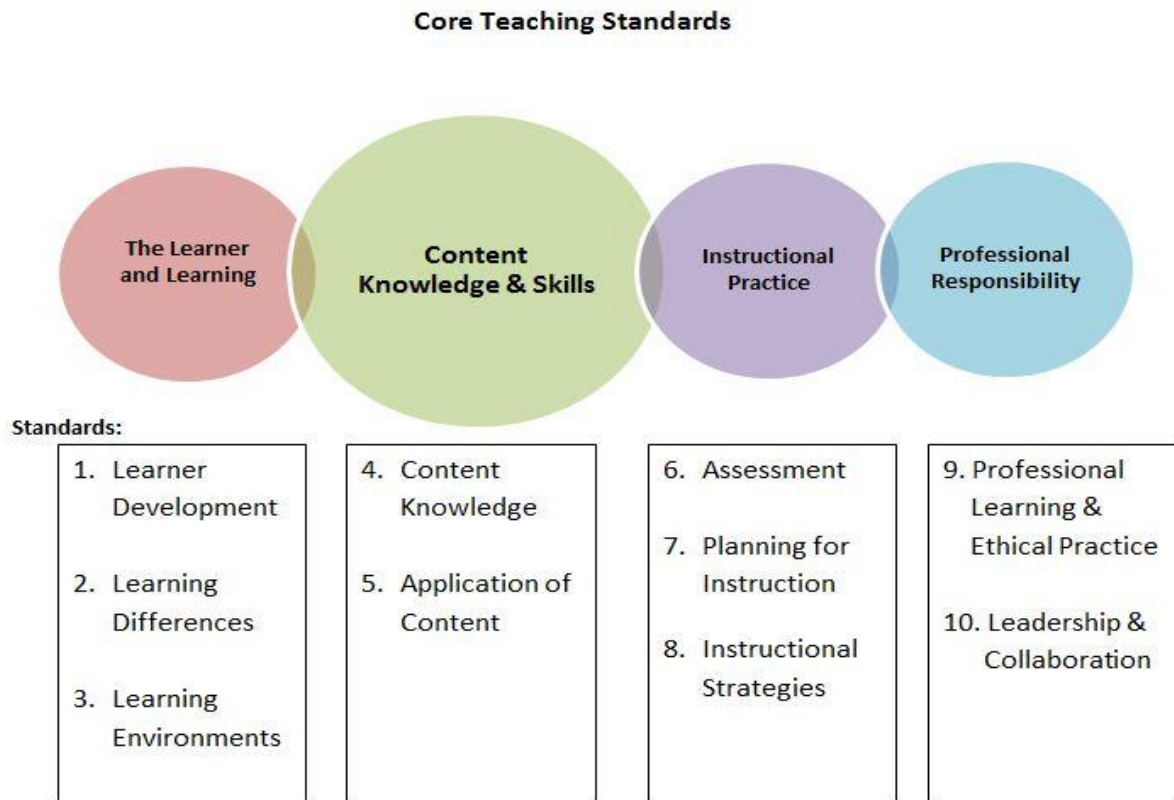
Requirements for License Renewal/Reinstatement

Professional Learning: In accordance with the *Rules Governing Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Education Professionals*, to renew/reinstate an educator license, educators must complete a prescribed number of professional learning hours or credits that relates to the Core Teaching or Leadership Standards, the endorsement(s) held, and aimed towards improving an educator’s professional practice.

Renewal/Reinstatement Year	Level I Renewal	Level II Renewal	Retired Renewal
2019	3 credits/45 hrs.	9 credits/135 hrs.	3 credits/45 hrs.
2020	3 credits/45 hrs.	9 credits/135 hrs. or 6 credits/90 hrs.	3 credits/45 hrs.
2021	3 credits/45 hrs.	9 credits/135 hrs. or 6 credits/90 hrs.	3 credits/45 hrs.
2022	3 credits/45 hrs.	6 credits/90 hrs.	3 credits/45 hrs.
2023	3 credits/45 hrs.	6 credits/90 hrs.	3 credits/45 hrs.
2024	3 credits/45 hrs.	6 credits/90 hrs.	3 credits/45 hrs.
2025	3 credits/45 hrs.	6 credits/90 hrs.	3 credits/45 hrs.

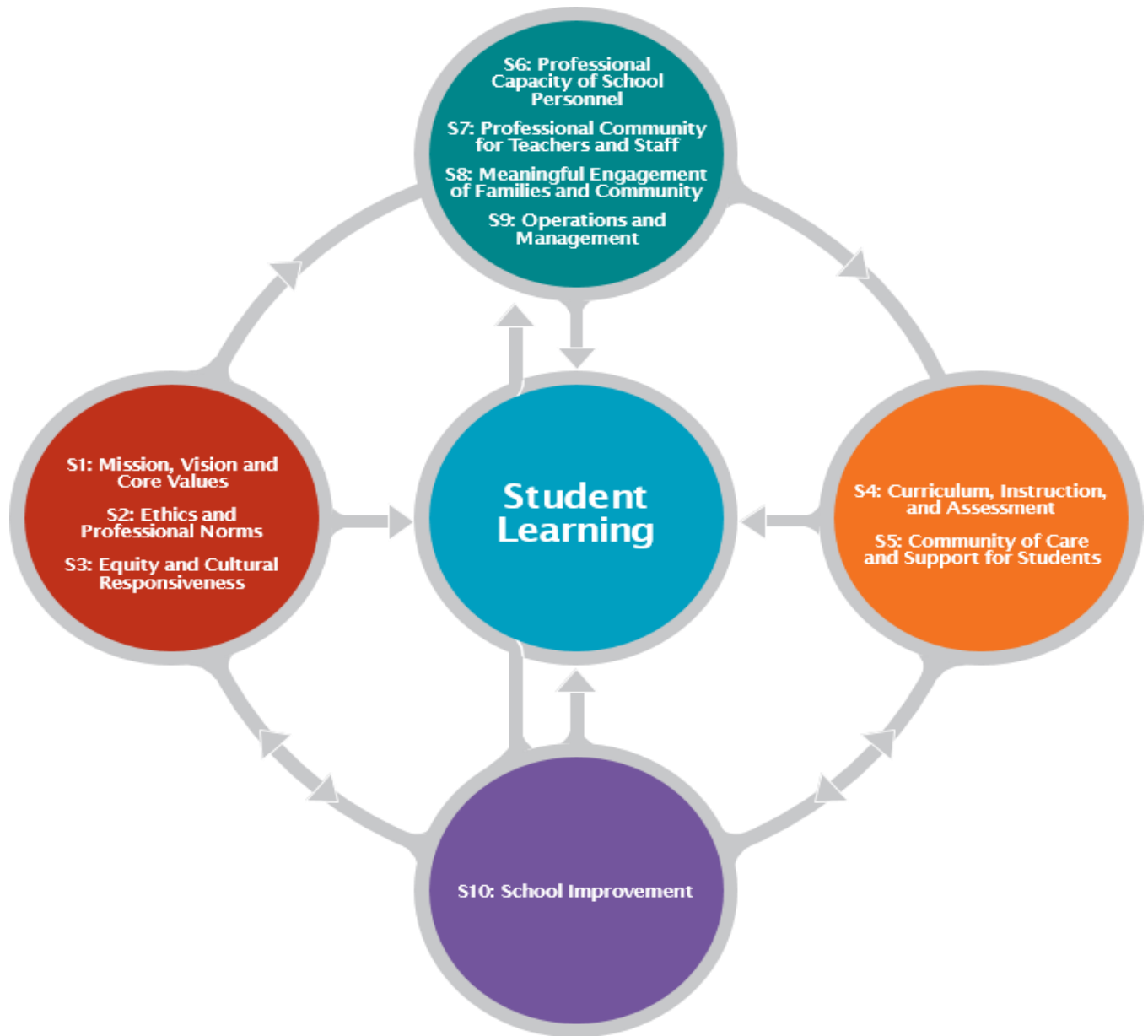
The Core Teaching Standards

Figure 1: [Core Teaching Standards for Vermont Educators](#)



Core Leadership Standards

Figure 2: [Core Leadership Standards for Vermont Educators](#)



Relicensure Types

Level I to Level I License Renewal/Reinstatement: In accordance with rule 5431/5435 of the *Rules Governing the Licensure of Educators*, educators who are renewing/reinstating a Level I License must meet the following requirements:

- Documentation of three (3) credits or 45 hours of professional learning per endorsement over the three (3) year licensing cycle. One (1) credit or 15 hours shall address the specific knowledge and performance standards of the renewing endorsement(s). The remaining hours of professional learning must align with the Core Teaching or Leadership Standards.
- Documentation of any valid licenses or credentials that are required by the endorsement sought.

Level I to Level II License Renewal ONLY: In accordance with rules 5421 of the *Rules Governing the Licensure of Educators*, a Level II Professional Educator's License shall be issued, upon recommendation of a Local/Regional Standards Board, or the Agency of Education if the educator is not employed by an entity served by a local standards board. To move to a Level II license, the educator must have practiced in Vermont in an endorsement area for three (3) years under a Level I license. Additionally, the educator must provide:

- Verification from their current administrator that they are performing at a professional level. Level I Superintendents Transitioning to a Level II must have the Chair of the Supervisory Union/Supervisory District Board sign the Transition form. Private school educators without a licensed administrator may have the Headmaster/Head of School sign the verification form. (All Transition forms are provided by the Agency).
- Documentation of three (3) credits or 45 hours of professional learning per endorsement. At least one (1) credit or 15 hours shall address the specific knowledge and/or performance standards of the endorsement(s) being renewed. The remaining hours of professional learning must align with the Core Teaching or Leadership Standards.
- Documentation of any valid licenses or credentials that are required by the endorsement sought.

Level II to Level II License Renewal/Reinstatement: In accordance with rule 5432/5435 of the *Rules Governing the Licensure of Educators*, educators renewing an expiring seven (7) year Level II license need to document nine (9) credits or 135 hours of professional learning per endorsement over the seven (7) year licensing cycle. To reinstate a seven year Level II endorsement the professional learning hours must have occurred in the seven years directly preceding the reinstatement application. Three (3) credits or 45 hours shall address the specific knowledge and performance standards of the renewing/reinstating endorsement(s). The remaining hours of professional learning must align with the Core Teaching or Leadership Standards.

Beginning in 2020, educators renewing a five (5) year Level II license need to document six (6) credits or 90 hours of professional learning per endorsement over the five (5) year licensing cycle. Two (2) credits or 30 hours shall address the specific knowledge and performance standards of the renewing endorsement(s). The remaining hours of professional learning must align with the Core Teaching or Leadership Standards.

Vermont's relicensing process for educators that hold a Level II endorsement requires:

- Documentation of professional learning activities per endorsement as described above. Certain professional learning activities may apply to more than one endorsement.
- Documentation of any valid licenses or credentials that are required by the endorsement sought.

Level II to Retired Educator License: In accordance with rule 5424 of the *Rules Governing the Licensure of Educators*, educators who currently hold a valid Level II endorsement and who meet the following requirements may apply for a Retired Educator License if the educator has:

- Documentation of 15 years of experience as a licensed educator.
- Verification that he/she has or will within the next six months withdraw from active service and receive a retirement allowance from service as an educator.
- Documentation of at least three (3) credits or 45 hours of professional learning per endorsement completed within the three years preceding the Retired Educator Application. At least one (1) credit or 15 hours must address the specific knowledge and performance standards of the endorsement(s). The remaining hours of professional learning must align with the Core Teaching or Leadership Standards.
- Documentation of any valid licenses or credentials that are required by the endorsement sought.

Retired to Retired Educator License Renewal/Reinstatement: In accordance with rule 5433/5435 of the *Rules Governing the Licensure of Educators*, educators who wish to renew/reinstate a Retired License must meet the following requirements:

- Documentation of three (3) credits or 45 hours per endorsement of professional learning within the last three years of the licensing cycle (for reinstatements – the three years preceding the reinstatement application). One (1) credit or 15 hours shall address the specific knowledge and performance standards of the renewing endorsement(s). The remaining hours of professional learning must align with the Core Teaching or Leadership Standards.
- Verification of continued pension benefits from service as an educator.
- Documentation of any valid licenses or credentials that are required by the endorsement sought.

Educators who return to teaching full time must reinstate their Level II license if their earnings exceed the cap determined by the Vermont State Teachers Retirement System (VSTRS).

All renewing/reinstating educators MUST use the VSBPE Guidelines for Professional Learning Statements.

[Guidelines for Professional Learning for Teachers](#)

[Guidelines for Professional Learning for Administrators](#)

RESOURCE LIST

To access the current publications of the following resources please visit the [Vermont Agency of Education Educator Licensing webpage](#)

1. [Rules Governing the Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Educational Professionals](#)
2. [A Vision for Teaching, Leading, and Learning: Core Teaching and Leadership Standards for Vermont Educators](#)
3. [Activities that Qualify for Professional Learning Credit](#)
4. [InTASC Model Core Teaching Standards and Learning Progressions for Teachers 1.0](#)
5. [Endorsements for Vermont Educators](#)
6. VSBPE Guidelines for Professional Learning Statements
 - a. [Guidelines for Professional Learning for Teachers](#)
 - b. [Guidelines for Professional Learning for Administrators](#)

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