



# Reciprocal Teacher Licensure

## Frequently Asked Questions | 2024

### What is teacher licensure reciprocity?

License reciprocity is when teachers who are qualified to teach in one state are automatically granted a license to teach in another state with no additional courses or exams required.

### What are the benefits?

Teachers who move states can obtain a new license seamlessly without obligations that may make them decide to stop teaching altogether and enter a profession with fewer barriers to entry.

### Which teachers face the most barriers to licensure when moving to a new state?

This is particularly challenging for military spouses and other teachers who move frequently for family or personal reasons.

### Can license reciprocity help with teacher shortages?

Yes, by ensuring that qualified teachers who move to a new state can access a license in a timely, efficient way.

### Complementary Approaches to Reciprocity

The [Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact](#) (ITMC) is an agreement that grants license reciprocity to teachers with standard licenses in compact member states.

ExcelinEd's [Reciprocal Teacher Licensure model policy](#) allows states to grant license reciprocity to any teacher with a standard license, no matter what state he or she comes from. It also provides options for reciprocity for teachers on their beginner license or with expired licenses or who taught outside the traditional public school system.

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