

# Lifetime Teaching License Changes

Effective: August 1, 2017, under Act 588 of 2017, the Lifetime Teaching License is also available to persons who are retired under one of the retirement provisions shown below, whether or not they are 62 years of age.

Although the rules are in the process of being amended, the Department of Education will issue the license under Act 588 on and after August 1.

See the attachment for the new eligibility requirements and instructions for applying. There is NO FEE for a Lifetime Teaching License.

Persons who are age 62 or over may apply online at <https://adeaels.arkansas.gov/AelsWeb/Account/TeacherLogin.aspx>. However, until the AELS Online Application has been modified for the new requirements, if you are less than 62 and applying under the new retirement provisions, you will need to complete a paper application, which is attached to this memo and may also be found at the following link, <http://bit.ly/1HAvXBC>.

## Lifetime Teaching License (as amended by Act 588 of 2017)

Effective: August 1, 2017, the Lifetime Teaching License is also available to persons who are retired\*, whether or not they are 62 years of age.

Please Note:

- Until the online application is changed, persons who are retired but under age 62 will have to complete a paper application.
- *There is NO FEE for a Lifetime Teaching License*

The new requirements are as follows:

1. Hold a current or expired Arkansas teaching license;
2. Be 62 years of age or older OR have retired\* from active teaching under one of the following:
  - Ark. Code § 24-7-701 (voluntary retirement at age 60 with 5 yrs of service or at any age with 28 yrs of service);
  - Ark. Code § 24-7-702 (early voluntary retirement at any age with combined total of 25 yrs or more); or
  - Ark. Code § 24-7-704 (disability retirement)

**\*ALL QUESTIONS RELATING TO TEACHER RETIREMENT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM, 501-682-1517, 1-800-666-2877, [info@ATRS.gov](mailto:info@ATRS.gov)**

3. Meet one of the following:
  - Worked in an educational setting while licensed
  - Made significant contributions to education, educational research, or the profession of teaching through scholarly endeavors, teaching experience, excellence in teaching, or educational innovation

AND

4. Successfully complete the background checks required for licensure, if not already completed within the last 12 months (for more information on background checks go to: <http://bit.ly/2dsP5d5>)

### How to apply:

Online application: If you are over 62, you may apply online (NO FEE REQUIRED) at <https://adeaels.arkansas.gov/AelsWeb/Account/TeacherLogin.aspx>

Paper application: Until the AELS Online Application has been modified for the new requirements, if you are less than 62 and applying under the new retirement provisions, you will need to complete a paper application (NO FEE REQUIRED) found at the following link, <http://bit.ly/1HAVXBC>

### Professional Development Requirements:

- A lifetime teaching license holder is not required to complete the 36 hours of annual PD for licensing purposes.
- However, a lifetime teaching license holder employed by a school district must complete all PD required by the school district (including professional growth plan requirements under TESS). Therefore all PD requirements should be discussed with the school district where the license holder is employed.

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MAIL TO:
EDUCATOR LICENSURE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ROOMS 106B & 107B
FOUR CAPITOL MALL
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201-1071



APPLICATION FOR EDUCATOR'S LICENSE

Arkansas

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Educator Licensure

Telephone No: (501) 682-4342
Fax No: (501) 682-4898
Web Page: www.arkansased.org
NOTICE

Incomplete applications will be returned
without action, with omissions checked.

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Central Registry Check:
Non Criminal Background Check:
All coursework must be documented by providing original college transcripts:
Applicable Fees:

Date: / / Date of Birth: / / / SSN: - -

Name: First Middle Last Maiden

Mail License To: Name Home Phone: Cellular Phone: Work Phone: Fax: Email:
Street and/or Route Number Apartment #
City State Zip Years of Licensed Teaching Experience

FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY:
Gender: Male Female
Ethnicity: Check One
Race: Check one or more
U.S. Citizen Yes No
PROCESSING FEE CHECK ONE (IF APPLICABLE)
PLEASE NOTE: NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED: Educators can pay on-line by credit card or electronic check at https://www.ark.org/teachers/licensure. Money orders or cashier checks may also be accepted.
Have you ever held an Arkansas teaching license?
Have you ever had a license revoked in any state?
Have you ever had a "true finding" with the Arkansas Department of Human Services Child Maltreatment Central Registry?
Have you ever pled guilty or pled nolo contendere (no contest) or been found guilty of a crime?
What was the date and crime for which you were convicted?
Is your license currently under disciplinary review in another state or country?
If licensed outside the state of Arkansas, has your license been in good standing for the previous two years?

Please be aware that the Arkansas Department of Education has access to and must consider any background check reflecting a conviction (pleading guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) or being found guilty by a jury or judge) for any offense listed in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410 as well as any felony involving physical or sexual injury, mistreatment, or abuse against another, including records that have been expunged, sealed or subject to a pardon. For any questions about this, please call the ADE legal office @ (501) 682-4227.

Please indicate the application type.
Provisional Non-Traditional (APPEL) Converting Initial to Standard Duplicate
Standard Non-Traditional MAT/ MED/MTLL Converting Provisional to Standard Name Change
Renewal Teach for America Career & Technical Permit Correction
Lifetime License Teacher Corps Adding Degree Change of Address Only
Reciprocity Professional Teaching Permit Adding Area
Reciprocity- ( out of Country) Provisional Professional Teaching License

Please indicate the degree level of your license.
Less than Bachelor's Bachelor's Master's Specialist Doctorate

To be completed by applicant only when adding an additional licensure area by testing.
Table with 2 columns: Licensure Area(s), Grade Level

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

This portion is to be completed by Arkansas institutional officials only, *not by the applicant.*

**PROGRAM OF STUDIES VERIFICATION FOR PROVISIONAL/STANDARD LICENSURE**

This verifies that \_\_\_\_\_ has satisfactorily completed the requirements for

- Provisional NTL/TFA/Teacher Corps
  - Provisional NTL/MAT/MED/MTLL
  - Provisional (Missing AR. History or Testing)
  - Standard
  - Standard U-Teach
  - Standard NTL-MAT/MED/MTLL
- licensure in \_\_\_\_\_ Area(s) and Level(s) of Licensure

This applicant has completed the professional development required for initial licensure.

**OR**

**PROGRAM OF STUDIES VERIFICATION FOR ADDING AREAS OF LICENSURE**

This verifies that \_\_\_\_\_ has satisfactorily completed

- Program of study
- Degree requirements
- Required PRAXIS Assessment
- Internship
- Portfolio

for adding the additional area(s) of \_\_\_\_\_  
**Area(s) and Level(s) of Licensure**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Institution

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Institution Licensure Officer

COLLEGE SEAL

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY					
TYPE	LOWEST DEGREE		HIGHEST DEGREE		
YEAR _____	_____ DEGREE CODE	_____ DEGREE CODE	_____ DEGREE CODE	_____ DEGREE CODE	_____ DEGREE CODE
TYPE _____	_____ STATE CODE	_____ STATE CODE	_____ STATE CODE	_____ STATE CODE	_____ STATE CODE
Effective Date _____	_____ ARKANSAS COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY CODE	_____ ARKANSAS COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY CODE	_____ ARKANSAS COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY CODE	_____ ARKANSAS COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY CODE	_____ ARKANSAS COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY CODE
Expiration Date _____	<b>Area and/or Level of Licensure</b>				
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____