

Resident Educator Program Transition - Licensure FAQ

Effective April 12, 2023, the Ohio Department of Education will transition from 4-Year to 2-Year Resident Educator licenses in accordance with changes to the Resident Educator Program. For more information regarding program changes, please see the Department's [Resident Educator FAQs](#). See below for information regarding how the program change will affect licensure requirements.

Which license should educators apply for before the 2-Year Resident Educator license is available?

The 2-Year Resident Educator license will be available April 12, 2023. Educators may apply for the 4-Year Resident Educator license until that date.

Will the 2-Year Resident Educator license cost the same as the 4-Year Resident Educator license?

The 2-Year Resident Educator license will cost only \$80 (half the cost of the 4-Year license).

Can educators who have completed Years 1 and 2 and successfully completed RESA under the 4-Year Resident Educator license advance to the professional license?

Educators who hold a standard 4-Year Resident Educator license and completed Years 1 and 2 and passed RESA in the 4-Year Resident Educator Program may advance to the professional license after the 2-Year Resident Educator Program is in effect provided they do not have any coursework limitations on their licenses. Educators must complete All coursework limitations on their standard Resident Educator licenses before advancing to professional educator licenses.

Can educators who have completed Years 1 and 2 and successfully completed RESA under the 4-Year Alternative Resident Educator license advance to the professional license?

No. They must complete four years of teaching experience in each teaching field under the Alternative Resident Educator license as well as all coursework and exam requirements to advance to the professional educator license.

Can educators who need to complete the Resident Educator Program continue to teach under their 4-Year Resident Educator license, or will they be required to obtain the 2-Year Resident Educator license?

Educators whose 4-Year Resident Educator licenses have not yet expired may continue to teach under their licenses and complete the requirements of the Resident Educator Program. Once their 4-Year Resident Educator licenses expire, they must apply for the 2-Year Resident Educator license if they have not yet completed the Resident Educator Program requirements.

Can educators who have not yet completed Years 1 and 2 of the Resident Educator Program extend or renew their 4-Year Resident Educator license?

Educators whose standard licenses expire July 1, 2023, will be required to submit the application to **Transition** to the 2-Year Resident Educator license in order to complete the Resident Educator Program.

What will be the requirements to extend and renew the 2-Year Resident Educator license?

- **EXTENSIONS.** Standard license holders who complete Year 1 of the Resident Educator Program may apply to [extend their 2-Year licenses](#) for an additional year in order to complete the Resident Educator Program. There are no coursework requirements to extend this license.
- **RENEWALS.** Standard 2-Year Resident Educator license holders who have not yet completed Year 1 of the Resident Educator Program will be required to complete coursework and [renew their licenses](#) for two more years.

Will educators need to complete coursework to Transition from their expired 4-Year to the 2-Year Resident Educator license?

Educators who held the 4-Year Resident Educator license but did not complete the Ohio Resident Educator Program are not required to complete any coursework requirements for the 2-Year Resident Educator license, including coursework to remove limitations on their previously issued standard 4-Year Resident Educator license.

Can educators who have completed the Resident Educator Program but did not complete the coursework limitations on their 4-Year Resident Educator licenses *Transition to the 2-Year Resident Educator license*?

The Resident Educator license is available to educators who have not yet completed the Resident Educator Program. Educators who have completed the Resident Educator Program must complete the coursework requirements listed as limitations on their licenses before advancing to a professional license. Extensions and renewals will not be granted to complete coursework requirements.

What will be the requirements to extend and renew the Alternative Resident license?

Changes have not been made to the Alternative Resident Educator license. [Individuals must still complete all requirements to advance to the professional license](#), including teaching four full school years under the Alternative Resident Educator license (in each area listed on the alternative license). If an extension or renewal is required to complete the teaching experience requirement, the educator must first meet all exam and coursework requirements of the Alternative Resident Educator pathway to advance to the professional license.

Will the Department allow an educator who has years of teaching experience in another state advance to the professional license without completing the Resident Program?

Educators who have completed a traditional teacher preparation program through an accredited college or university and have taught under a standard or professional [out-of-state teaching license](#) for two full school years or more may apply for the professional teaching license on or after April 12, 2023.