

# CTE License and Endorsement Information

## [Educator Licensure Policy 5.502](#) Overview

### **Practitioner Occupational Teacher License**

(Three year validity period, renewable once)

The practitioner occupational license is the initial license issued to occupational educators who have met endorsement requirements pursuant to State Board of Education policy 5.502, had content verification provided by the Tennessee Department of Education's college, career and technical education Division, and hold the required current/valid industry certification were indicated prior to entering Tennessee public schools. Individuals applying for the practitioner occupational teacher license must meet the following criteria:

- Formally admitted to or have completed a state-approved educator preparation program
- Recommended by the state-approved educator preparation program
- High school graduate or higher
- Meet industry certification requirements
- Meet the endorsement experience requirements

Prior to recommending a candidate for licensure, Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) should receive verification from the Department of Education that the applicant meets stated criteria for licensure, such as required industry certification and experience.

### ***Professional Occupational Teacher License***

(Six year validity period, renewable)

The professional occupational education license is issued to educators upon meeting licensure expectations at the practitioner level, completing coursework covering the professional education standards and additional requirements as defined in State Board of Education policy.

**Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) specifies that educators must be properly licensed prior to entering the classroom.**

### **TCA § 49-5-101**

No person shall be employed as principal, teacher or supervisor of any public elementary or high school by any local school district, or receive any pay for such services out of the public school funds of the local school district until the person presents to the director of schools a valid license as prescribed in this part. It is unlawful for any board of education to issue any warrant or check to such persons for services as principal, teacher or supervisor until the person has presented for record a license valid for the term of employment.

## Occupational Endorsements

This table outlines endorsements available for Tennessee Occupational Education License only. Occupational endorsements can only be issued to a practitioner or professional occupational education license. Academic endorsements cannot be added to a practitioner or professional occupational education license.

Endorsement Name	Endorsement Code
Automotive	770
Aviation Ground School	774
Barbering	780
Broadcasting	710
Carpentry	706
Collision Repair	771
Concrete/Masonry	702
Cosmetology	781
Culinary Arts	730
Digital Arts and Design	711
Drafting/CAD	700
Electrical	701
Fire Safety	751
Health Informatics	721
Health Science 6-12	720
Information Technology	740
Legal and Protective Services	750
Manufacturing	760
Plumbing	703
Programming	742
Public Health	722
Supply Chain Management	776
Welding	705

### Initial Issuance of Practitioner Occupational Education License

Requirements for a practitioner occupational education license align with the endorsement(s) an applicant is seeking. Occupational endorsements have different education, examples of qualifying occupational work experience, and industry certification requirements. The examples are only a sampling of occupations which could qualify for the endorsement area. If there are questions about occupations that are not listed, please contact [Kevin.Fee@tn.gov](mailto:Kevin.Fee@tn.gov). Prior to enrollment in a preparation program, qualifications, such as industry certification, work experience, and postsecondary education, shall be reviewed by the Tennessee Department of Education's college, career and technical education division.

Endorsement requirements for a practitioner occupational education license can be met through a pathway using combined work experience, industry certification, and postsecondary education.

## Occupational Endorsement Aligned Requirements

<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Automotive 770</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	508
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	mechanic, automotive technician, service technician, auto body technician
<b>Industry Certification</b>	ASE A-4, ASE A-5, ASE A-6, and ASE A-8 or G-1
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in automotive technology, one year of work experience in endorsement area, and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in automotive technology and industry certification</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Aviation Ground School 774</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	594
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	pilot, aircraft flight instructor
<b>Industry Certification</b>	FAA Ground Instructor Certificate and FAA Flight Instructor Certificate (Airplane)
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in aviation/commercial or private pilot, one year full time work experience in endorsement area, and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in aviation/commercial or private pilot and industry certification</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Barbering 780</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	560
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above and completion of a barbering instructor curriculum
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	barber, cosmetologist
<b>Industry Certification</b>	Tennessee Barbering Instructor License

<b>Pathway Options</b>	None
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Broadcasting 710</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	576, 597
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	electronic engineering, electronic recording, electronic concept design and creation, audio/video technology, sound board networking, sound board operations, audio/video/DVD networking, camera operators, film and video editors, broadcaster with production experience, studio production manager
<b>Industry Certification</b>	Currently none
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in broadcasting/digital media and three years of full time work experience in endorsement area</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in broadcasting/digital media and one year full time work experience in endorsement area</li> <li>• Master's degree in broadcasting/digital media</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Carpentry 706</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	522
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	carpenter, mechanical maintenance technician, journeyman, home repair technician, general contractor, construction project manager, foreman, construction superintendent
<b>Industry Certification</b>	U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship, NOCTI Carpentry 5265, or Tennessee Contractor's license Contractor's license
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in building construction and one year of work experience in endorsement area and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in building constructions and industry certification</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Collision Repair 771</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	507

<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	mechanic, automotive technician, auto body technician, auto body painter
<b>Industry Certification</b>	ASE B-2, ASE B-3, and ASE B-4 or I-Car
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in collision repair/refinishing and one year of work experience in endorsement area out of the past eight and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in collision repair/refinishing and industry certification</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Concrete/Masonry 702</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	524
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	cement masons, concrete finishers, concrete operations manager, concrete paving foreman
<b>Industry Certification</b>	U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship or NOCTI Masonry 5933 Tennessee Contractor's license
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in building construction and one year of work experience in endorsement area and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in building constructions and industry certification</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Cosmetology 781</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	561
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High school diploma and completion of a cosmetology instructor
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	cosmetologist, barber
<b>Industry Certification</b>	Tennessee Cosmetology Instructor license
<b>Pathway Options</b>	None
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Culinary Arts 730</b>

<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	562
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	pastry chef, head chef, caterer, personal chef, restaurant manager, executive chef
<b>Industry Certification</b>	Serve-Safe or National Registry of Food Safety Professionals, or Certified Culinary Chef Educator (CCE) Industry Certification
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in culinary arts, industry certification, and three years full time work experience out of the past eight in endorsement area</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in culinary arts, industry certification, and one year full time work experience out of the past eight in endorsement area</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Digital Arts &amp; Design 711</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	543
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High school diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	desktop publishers, commercial artist, graphic designers, photographer, page composition, image conversion, digital printing, electronic publishing, digital imaging, press operations and finishing
<b>Industry Certification</b>	ADDA Certified Digital Designer or NOCTI Advertising & Design 5261 or Adobe Certified Expert Certification
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in graphic design, one year work experience, and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in graphic design and industry certification</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Distribution and Logistics 776</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	503
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	supply chain analyst, operations analyst, logistics manager, logistician, distribution manager, engineer, warehouse manager, transportation coordinator, buyer/inventory control specialist, fulfillment manager

<b>Industry Certification</b>	Currently none
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in distribution and logistics and three years full time work experience out of the past eight in endorsement area</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in distribution and logistics and one year full time work experience out of the past eight in endorsement area</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Drafting/CAD 700</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	531
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	architect, individuals with experience in the following areas: technical drawings, scale drawings, orthographic projection, two and three dimensional drawings, manual drafting and computer aided design skills
<b>Industry Certification</b>	ADDA Certified Drafter or Autodesk
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in drafting, one year work experience, and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in drafting and industry certification</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Electrical 701</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	523
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	electricians, electrical engineering technicians, electrical engineers
<b>Industry Certification</b>	U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship or NOCTI Electrical 5271 or Tennessee Contractor's license
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in building construction, one year of work experience in endorsement area, and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in building constructions and industry certification</li> </ul>

<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Fire Safety 751</b>
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	Firefighter
<b>Industry Certification</b>	Fire Fighter Instructor 1
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in fire science and one year work experience in endorsement area and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in fire science and industry certification</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Digital Arts &amp; Design 711</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	543
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	desktop publishers, commercial artist, graphic designers, photographer, page composition, image conversion, digital printing, electronic publishing, digital imaging, press operations and finishing
<b>Industry Certification</b>	ADDA Certified Digital Designer or NOCTI Advertising & Design 5261 or Adobe Certified Expert Certification
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in graphic design, one year work experience, and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in graphic design and industry certification</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>HVAC 707</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	598
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	HVAC technicians, first-line supervisors of mechanics, installers, and repairers
<b>Industry Certification</b>	U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship or HVAC Excellence Certification



<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in building construction and one year of work experience in endorsement area and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in building constructions and industry certification</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Health Informatics 721</b>
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	Associate's degree or above in endorsement area
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	One year full time work experience out of the past five in endorsement area
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	medical biller, medical coder, pharmacy technician, data analyst, clinical analyst, informatics specialist, medical and health services manager
<b>Industry Certification</b>	CPC-Certified Professional Coder or CCA-Certified Coding Associate or CCS- Certified Coding Specialist or RHIT-Registered Health Information Technician or RHIA-Registered Health Information Administrator or MCT-Medical Coding Technician
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree in health informatics and industry certification</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Health Science 720</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	577
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	Associate's degree or above leading to a Tennessee Board of Health issued license in one of the following areas or occupations. (Internships and Fellowships are not eligible)
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	registered nurse, physician, chiropractor, dentist, dental hygienist, medical laboratory technician, paramedic, athletic trainer, occupational therapist, physical therapist, respiratory therapist, radiology technician, diagnostic medical sonographer, nuclear medicine technologist, audiologist, veterinarian, physical therapy assistant, occupational therapy assistant, physician's assistant, speech therapist, optometrist, pharmacist, dietician, podiatrist, clinical perfusionist
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	One year full time or part time work experience out of the past five
<b>Industry Certification</b>	Tennessee Board of Health issued license
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All applicants must provide verification of one year full time or part time work experience out of the past five and industry certification regardless of postsecondary degree level</li> </ul>

<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Information Technology 740</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	595
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	Associate's degree or above in endorsement area
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Two years of work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	web page designer, host web manager, web master, computer networking, network designer, computer maintenance, computer engineer, cable technician, telecommunication technician, computer system analysis, computer programmer, software developer, quality assurance software developer, software architect, technology business analyst, it project manager, business intelligence developer, business analyst, information technology systems manager, computer support specialist
<b>Industry Certification</b>	A+ or Net Plus or CIW or CISCO
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor's degree in endorsement area and industry certification</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Legal and Protective Services 750</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	590
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	Police officer, sheriff, TBI/FBI officer, military police, wildlife officer, correctional officer, crime scene investigator, lawyer, judge with law or
<b>Industry Certification</b>	POST or NOCTI assessment for law, public safety and security
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associate's degree in criminal justice and three years of full time work experience out of the past eight in endorsement area</li> <li>Bachelor's degree in criminal justice and one year full time work experience out of the past eight years in endorsement area</li> <li>Master's degree in criminal justice or juris doctorate</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Advanced Manufacturing 760</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	596
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years

<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	Engineer, plant manager, industrial production manager, computer aided drafting (CAD) certified individual, industrial maintenance , machinist, numerical control machine tool programmer, electronic engineer, electronic technician, electronic semi-conductor processor
<b>Industry Certification</b>	National Institute of Metalworking Skills certification (NIMS) or Level 1 Siemens trainer certification
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate’s degree in manufacturing operations/technology, one year of work experience in endorsement area, and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor’s degree in manufacturing operations/technology and industry certification</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Plumbing 703</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	527
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	Plumbers, pipefitters, steamfitters
<b>Industry Certification</b>	U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship or NOCTI Plumbing 5175 or Tennessee contractor’s license
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate’s degree in building construction, one year of work experience in endorsement area, and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor’s degree in building constructions and industry certification</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Programming 742</b>
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	computer programmer, software developer, quality assurance software developer, software architect , technology business analyst, it project manager, business intelligence developer, business analyst
<b>Industry Certification</b>	A+ or Net Plus or CIW or CISCO
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate’s degree in endorsement area, one year work experience in endorsement area, and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor’s degree in endorsement area and industry certification</li> </ul>

<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Public Health 722</b>
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	Bachelor's degree in Public Health or Public Health Administration
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	One year of full time work experience out of the past five years in endorsement area
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	epidemiologist, health educator, health care administrator, environmental scientists, quality investigator, environmental engineer, HIV/AIDS educator, refugee coordinator, health services manager, midwife, public health nurse
<b>Industry Certification</b>	Currently none
<b>Pathway Options</b>	None
<b>Endorsement Name and Code</b>	<b>Welding 705</b>
<b>Previous Endorsements</b>	584
<b>Minimum Education Requirements</b>	High School diploma or above
<b>Occupational Work Experience</b>	Five years of full time work experience out of the past eight years
<b>Example Qualifying Areas/Occupations</b>	welders and individuals with experience in blueprint reading, layout and fabrication using oxy-fuel cutting SMAW, FCAW, GMAW, GTAW processes on various metals
<b>Industry Certification</b>	AWS or U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship or Certified Welding Educator Certification, NOCTI Welding 5279
<b>Pathway Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's degree in welding/fabrication, one year full time work experience, and industry certification</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in welding/fabrication and industry certification</li> </ul>

## Advancing to a Professional Occupational Education License

In addition to completing an educator preparation program, an educator must provide evidence of the following to advance to a professional occupational license:

- three years of teaching experience,
- recommendation from the Director of Schools or 30 professional development points (PDPs),
- attendance at the five-day new occupational teacher training,
- four observations of three experienced teachers within your endorsed area and one experienced teacher outside of your teaching area,
- mentor contact information and signature, **and**
- current/valid industry certification for specified endorsements and course assignments requiring industry certification.

## Renewal of the Practitioner Occupational License

The Practitioner Occupational License is valid for three years. If an educator does not meet expectations for advancement to the Professional Occupational License, the Practitioner Occupational License can be renewed once. If the educator does not meet expectations at the end of the second validity period, the license will become inactive.

## Renewal of the Professional Occupational License

To renew the professional occupational education license an educator must have documentation of 60 professional development points and current/valid industry certification if indicated in the current correlation of course code document. Professional development points can only be used to renew a professional occupational license.

At the date of expiration, if an educator does not have documentation of 60 professional development points and required industry certification, the license will become inactive. In order to reactivate the license and endorsements held, the educator must submit an application to reinstate, provide evidence of 60 professional development points and industry certification to the College, Career and Technical Education licensure consultant.

Option	PDPs Awarded	Required Documentation
Training (Academy/Institute/ Seminar/Conference)	1 clock hour = 1 PDP	Certification of completion, Transcript <b>or</b> Verification from signed by the Director of Schools (or designee)
College/University Coursework	1 semester hour credit = 10 PDPs	Transcript
Overall Evaluation Score from TN- Approved evaluation model	Overall Score of 5 = 20 PDPs Overall Score of 4 = 15 PDPs Overall Score of 3 = 10 PDPs	This information is maintained by TDOE. Educators are not required to submit any documentation. PDPs based on overall evaluation scores may be accrued on an annual basis.
National Board Certification	30 PDPs	Official documentation from NBPTS

## Adding Occupational Endorsements

Licensed occupational educators who have completed an approved education preparation program for initial licensure may add additional occupational endorsements. For occupational endorsements requiring industry certification, submit evidence of completion (e.g., certificate, qualifying scores, certification card). To add an occupational endorsement not requiring industry certification you must provide evidence in **at least one** of the following ways:

- Verification of five years of full-time work experience in requested occupational area out of the past eight years; teaching is not considered occupational work experience and will not be accepted;

- Associate’s degree in the endorsement area and three years full-time work experience in the endorsement area out of the past eight years;
- Bachelor’s degree in the endorsement area and one year full-time work experience in the endorsement area out of the past eight years; **or**
- Master’s degree in the endorsement area.

Occupational endorsements can only be added to a practitioner occupational or professional occupational educator license. Academic endorsements cannot be added to a practitioner occupational or professional occupational educator license.

## Career and Technical Education Academic Endorsements

The table below outlines the CTE academic endorsements that are processed by the division of college, career, and technical education. All academic practitioner license applications must be submitted through TNCompass by an educator prep program (EPP). The practitioner teacher license is valid for a period of three years.

Individuals applying for the practitioner license must meet the following criteria:

- Hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university **AND**
- Be formally admitted to or have completed a state-approved educator preparation program **AND**
- Recommended by the state-approved educator preparation program **OR**
- Submitted qualifying scores on required assessment.

Educators must submit qualifying scores on all required assessments within three years of obtaining the practitioner license. If the educator does not submit assessment scores and complete an EPP within three years of the license being issued, the license will become inactive.

Academic endorsements can only be issued to a practitioner or professional education license. Occupational endorsements cannot be added to a practitioner or professional educator license.

Endorsement Name	Endorsement Code
Agriculture Education 6-12	150
Agriscience 6-12	151
Business Education 6-12	152
Business Technology 6-12	153
Early Childhood Care and Services 6-12	156
Family and Consumer Sciences 6-12	154
Food Production & Management Services 6-12	155
Marketing Education 6-12	158
STEM 6-12	157

## Advancing a Professional Teacher License

In addition to completing an EPP, an educator must provide the following evidence of the following to advance to a professional license:

- three years of experience, and
- the recommendation of the Director of Schools, **or**
- documentation of 30 PDPs

## Renewal of a Professional Teacher License

To renew the professional education license an educator must have documentation of 60 professional development points. Professional development points can only be used to renew a professional license, not advance a practitioner education license.

At the date of expiration, if an educator does not have documentation of 60 professional development points, the license will become inactive. In order to reactivate the license and endorsements held, the educator must provide evidence of 60 professional development points to the College, Career and Technical Education licensure consultant.

Option	PDPs Awarded	Required Documentation
Training (Academy/Institute/ Seminar/Conference)	1 clock hour = 1 PDP	Certification of completion, Transcript <b>or</b> Verification from signed by the Director of Schools (or designee)
College/University Coursework	1 semester hour credit = 10 PDPs	Transcript
Overall Evaluation Score from TN- Approved evaluation model	Overall Score of 5 = 20 PDPs Overall Score of 4 = 15 PDPs Overall Score of 3 = 10 PDPs	This information is maintained by TDOE. Educators are not required to submit any documentation. PDPs based on overall evaluation scores may be accrued on an annual basis.
National Board Certification	30 PDPs	Official documentation from NBPTS