

Governor Carney signed House Substitute 1 to House Bill 143 as amended by House Amendment 1 into law on June 20, 2017. This bill has eliminated the requirement of Praxis Core (Praxis I) for Licensure. It has also eliminated the Provisional License. Educators with no experience who are receiving their first License will receive a four (4) year Initial License, and will have two school years to complete the Performance Assessment requirement.

Below, we have provided some answers to the questions you may have regarding this matter.

I was waiting to pass the Praxis Core to earn my license, now what?

- The general knowledge requirement or Praxis Core is no longer required for licensure in the state of Delaware. You no longer need to take and pass the Praxis core to earn a license.
 - This includes current educators who were working towards this requirement but already working – Skilled and Technical Science Teachers, Nurses, etc.
- **THIS CHANGE ABOVE ALSO APPLIES TO ALL PENDING APPLICATIONS**

Do I need to re-apply for my license?

- No. If you already have a license, you do not need to re-apply.

I just graduated from an educator preparation program, do I earn a Provisional or an Initial?

- An educator applying for a license in the state of Delaware with less than one year of experience will be placed on an Initial License. The educator will be required to take and pass a performance assessment by the end of their second year of teaching, if they have not already done so. There is no longer a Provisional License.
- (Applicants with 1 year but less than 4 years' experience are still placed on an Initial License but are **NOT** required to take and pass a performance assessment with proof of a current valid out of state license/certificate)

What happens to my license if I had a Provisional?

- An educator who earned a Provisional License between December 15, 2016 and June 20, 2017, will be re-issued an Initial License and provided two years **AFTER EMPLOYMENT IN A DELAWARE PUBLIC OR CHARTER SCHOOL** to complete the performance assessment requirement. The re-issuance of the license will happen this summer as we transition/align the state data systems to meet the requirements.

How long do I have to take and pass the performance assessment?

- A teacher who has not met the performance assessment requirement has two years **AFTER EMPLOYMENT IN A DELAWARE PUBLIC OR CHARTER SCHOOL** to take and pass a performance assessment while on their Initial License.

Is the Praxis Core still required for licensure?

- No. HB 143 changed educator licensure requirements and a general knowledge assessment (Praxis I/Praxis Core) is no longer required for licensure.