



# HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE – LICENSURE UNIT

## Licensure Information

Dear Students:

Below are useful websites that will answer some of your basic questions regarding Massachusetts licensure, out-of-state licensure and alternative routes to licensure. Answers to licensure questions will vary according to the license you are seeking, the state you are interested in and the credentials you possess. Walk-in hours and contact information for the Licensure Unit are also provided for your use.

### **HGSE Licensure Website:**

This link provides you with MA and Out-of-State Licensure information.

<http://www.gse.harvard.edu/licensure/>

### **Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Resources:**

DESE Regulations: This link spells out the requirements for all MA licenses.

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr7.html>

DESE's Licensure Website: This link provides general information for PreK-12, Vocational Education, and Adult Education licenses.

[http://www.doe.mass.edu/Educators/e\\_license.html](http://www.doe.mass.edu/Educators/e_license.html)

Frequently Asked Questions: This is a user-friendly site to obtain answers to basic licensure questions.

<https://www4.doemass.org/elar/licensurehelp/FAQAnchorPageControl.ser>

Licensure Help On-line: This link will list the requirements for licenses you select.

<https://www4.doemass.org/elar/licensurehelp/IntroductionPageControl.ser>

This link provides a list of all Massachusetts higher education and district-based licensure programs and their contacts.

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/educators/directory.html>

### **Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL) Website:**

This link provides you with information needed to apply for, prepare and take the required exams.

<http://www.mtel.nesinc.com/>

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### **Out-of-State Licensure Requirements:**

This link provides access to each State's Department of Education Web Site.  
<http://www.gse.harvard.edu/about/administration/licensure/reciprocity.html>

This link lists the requirements to obtain a Massachusetts license via Reciprocity (See Route 5).  
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr7.html?section=05>

### **Alternative Routes to Licensure in Each State:**

National Center for Alternative Certification: This link connects you to the *Alternative Teacher Certification: A State by State Analysis* document and State Contacts.  
<http://www.teach-now.org/booktoc2006.html>

### **Charter School Licensure Requirements for All States:**

This link highlights whether or not a license is required to teach in a charter school in each state.  
<http://mb2.ecs.org/reports/Report.aspx?id=93>

If you have additional questions, please contact Kim Nguyen, Licensure Staff Assistant at [kim\\_nguyen@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:kim_nguyen@gse.harvard.edu), or you may stop by the Licensure Unit during the walk-in hours listed below:

### **Walk-In Hours**

Monday: 3:45 pm-4:45 pm

Wednesday: 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Friday: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm