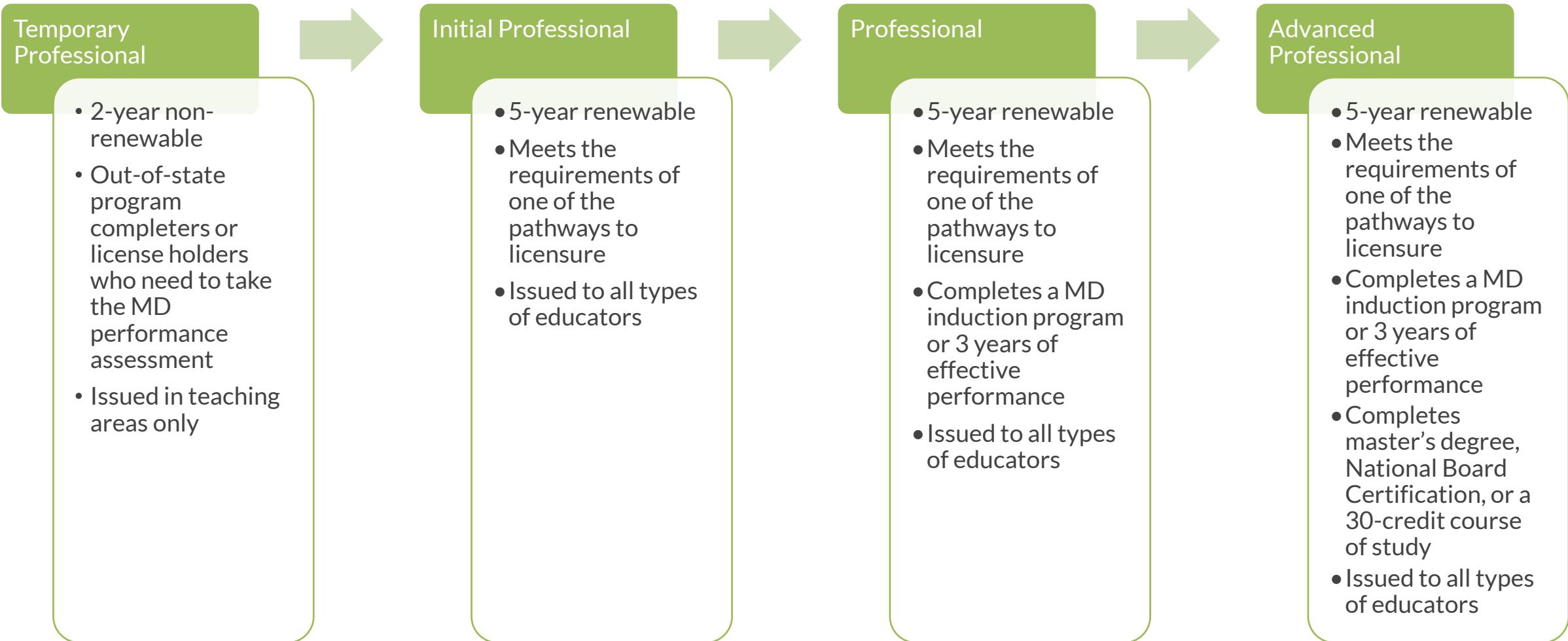


Educator Licenses

Educator Certification and Program
Approval

Professional Licenses



Montessori Professional License

Established by House Bill 467 (2022)

May **only be used to teach in a public or private school that uses Montessori instruction as the primary means of instruction**

May be issued to someone who holds a **bachelor's degree and a valid credential from The American Montessori Society, The Association Montessori International, or a program accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education**

The law allows the State Board of Education to **establish assessment requirements**

MSDE currently requires the **Teaching Reading: Elementary Praxis assessment**

Source: Md. Code, Education §6-127

Non-Professional Licenses

Adjunct

- 1-year renewable
- LEA-specific
- Part-time position
- 5 years of satisfactory occupation experience in the field to be taught
- Issued only in teaching areas
- Designed for industry professionals not interested in teaching full-time

Conditional

- 5-year or 3-year (special education only) non-renewable
- Bachelor's degree required (except for professional and technical education teachers)
- Issued only in teaching areas

Resident Teacher

- 3-year non-renewable
- Established in MD law for candidates enrolled in an approved alternative preparation program during the residency phase
- Bachelor's degree required
- Issued only in teaching areas

Historic Certificates

The following credentials are considered historic and may be transferred to a comparable license at the time of renewal

Historic Certificate	Comparable License
Professional Eligibility Certificate (PEC)	Initial Professional License (IPL)
Standard Professional Certificate I (SPC I)	Initial Professional License (IPL)
Standard Professional Certificate II (SPC II)	Professional License (PL)
Advanced Professional Certificate (APC)	Advanced Professional License (APL)

Where can I find help?

- Teachers **employed** in a Maryland local education agency, Maryland-operated school, or nonpublic special education school **should contact their employer's licensure office/point of contact** for assistance
- The MSDE licensure office is available to answer questions by email at certinfo.msde@maryland.gov Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.