

Minnesota Short-call Substitute License Application

Application General Information and Checklist

General Information: A short-call substitute licensure candidate must hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree. Minnesota candidates that have completed student teacher through a teacher preparation program, but do not yet have a bachelor's degree awarded may apply. The student teaching grade must be posted on the transcripts.

In lieu of a bachelor's degree, a candidate may evidence five years of work experience, an associate's degree, OR a professional certification from an approved certifying organization that is directly aligned to a Career and Technical (CTE) or Career Pathways licensure field. The short-call substitute license is valid for three years, expires on June 30 of the expiration year and may be renewed an unlimited number of times.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TO BE CONSIDERED

Partial or incomplete packets will be returned to the applicant for completion and resubmission. Review and check each of the following questions to ensure you have completed the required paperwork and included all required materials for submission.

- Application processing fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to "PELSB."**
 - For initial/first-time applicants: an initial application and fingerprint card processing fee of \$90.25.
 - For existing license holders: an application fee of \$57.00 (fingerprint card is not required).
- Fingerprint card completed for initial applications, signed and dated. Be sure NOT to fold or bend the card.**
 - To request a fingerprint card, please [email](mailto:pelsb@state.mn.us) PELSB staff at pelsb@state.mn.us or call 651-539-4200 (option 1) and include your full name and current mailing address in your message. The subject line of the email should be "Fingerprint Card Request." Include the completed fingerprint card with the complete application.
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended in an institution's sealed envelope. In most instances, earned degrees must be posted on transcripts.**
 - For individuals with preparation completed outside of the United States or its territories, transcripts must be evaluated by a foreign credential evaluation service. The [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services](#) (NACES) has a list of approved providers. Please mail the original course-by-course evaluation of your foreign preparation to PELSB.
- Completed application, including signature, date and Sections 1-4.**
 - **Home Address:** Your home address remains private if a designated address is supplied. If there is no designated address, the home address does not remain private after a license is issued.
 - **Designated Address:** Your designated address may be a residence, PO Box, or place of business. Please note that the address you designate on this form does not remain private after a license is issued.
- Section 5A: Conduct Review Statement completed, signed and dated AND, if you answered YES to questions 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6, complete Section 5B. If you answered YES to questions 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12, include the additional materials requested.**
- Section 6: Verification of Work Experience**
 - This form must be completed, signed and dated by an authorized official.

PARTIAL OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED

Instructions for a Minnesota Short-call Substitute License

It is the applicant's responsibility to submit the required items in ONE complete packet to PELSB. To ensure the submission of a complete packet, review and follow the instructions below.

*A check or money order payable to "PELSB" must be included. **This is a non-refundable processing fee.***

- Initial/First Time Minnesota Educator License Application Fee: \$90.25 which includes fingerprint card fee. Request a fingerprint card from PELSB and include with the complete application.
- Existing Minnesota License Holder Application Fee: \$57.00 (does not require a fingerprint card.)

Mailing Address	Telephone Number	Web Address	Email Address
PELSB 1021 Bandana Blvd. East, Suite 222 Saint Paul, MN 55108-5111	651-539-4200	https://mn.gov/pelsb/	pelsb@state.mn.us

[Minnesota Statutes 122A.18, Subpart 7](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/122A.18) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/122A.18>)

Important Information

- This application is for an initial short-call substitute teaching license only.
- If this is a first-time Minnesota license or if you have only ever held a **COMMUNITY EXPERT PERMISSION**, this application is considered an initial application. All initial applications require completion of a fingerprint card and submission of official transcripts. You will pay the \$90.25 fee.
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- If you hold an existing Minnesota short-call substitute license and are renewing, please use the [Online License Renewal System](#).

Section 1: Applicant Information

- Name: Provide your legal name as it appears on your social security card.
- Social Security or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number: [Minnesota Statute 270C.72, Subdivision 4](#) requires all agencies that issue licenses to collect social security (SSN) or individual taxpayer identification (ITIN) numbers as part of the application. Your application will be deemed incomplete if not provided. Indicate that you do not have a SSN/ITIN by checking the box in this section.
- Email: It is important to provide an email address that you have access to throughout the year. Important information will be sent to this email address, including instructions on how to print the e-license.
- **Home Address: Your home address remains private if you enter a separate designated address. If there is no designated address, the home address does not remain private after the license is issued.**
- **Designated Address: Your designated address may be a residence or place of business. Please note that the address you designate on this form does not remain private after a license is issued.**
- Ethnicity/Race: This section is optional and will not affect the decision of the application. You may choose more than one option.

Section 2: Application Type

- Check the statement in this section if you are applying for a substitute license based on a bachelor's degree or if you have completed student teaching as part of a Minnesota teacher preparation program without a declared bachelor's degree. The transcript must include a grade for student teaching.
- Check the statement in this section if you are applying for a substitute license based on meeting five years of work experience, an associate's degree or a professional certification from an approved certifying organization that is directly aligned to a Career and Technical (CTE) or Career Pathways licensure field. CTE and Career Pathways Fields are listed below.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Licensure Fields

Agriculture	Medical Careers
Business	Creative Design Careers
Family and Consumer Sciences	Early Childhood Careers
Communications Technology Careers	Hospitality Service Careers
Construction Careers	Transportation Careers
Manufacturing Careers	Work-based Learning

Career Pathways Education Licensure Fields

Cosmetology
Law Enforcement

Section 3: Educational Background

- Official transcripts in an institution's sealed envelope must be included with the rest of the required application materials for licensure. All mailed materials must be submitted in one complete packet.
- If you do not have a degree, choose degree code 0 or write NO DEGREE.
- A copy of any CTE or Career Pathways certificates must be included with the submitted materials.

Section 4: Licensure Requirements

- Complete this section to determine what documentation and sections must be submitted.

Section 5: Conduct Review

- All applicants are required to complete Section 5A.
- If this is NOT your first application for a Minnesota education license, your answers on the conduct review statement apply only to the period **since your last license was issued**.
- If you answered YES to questions 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6; complete Section 5B.
- If you answered YES to questions 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12; include the additional materials requested.

Section 6: Verification of Work Experience

- If you are using five years of work experience in a CTE or Career Pathways field, this form must be completed by an authorized official.

Privacy Statement:

The data you provide on an application for Minnesota education licensure will be used by Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board to assess your qualifications for licensure. You are not legally required to provide this data. However, if you fail to provide information, PELSB may be unable to process your license application. Until licensure is granted, the information you provide on the application is private data, accessible to only you, PELSB, its staff, and/or staff of the Attorney General's Office representing PELSB. Your application and all submitted application materials, except your Social Security number, become public data if licensure is granted, according to [Minn. Stat. § 13.41, Subd. 5](#).

Under [Minn. Stat. § 270C.72](#), PELSB is required to provide your Social Security number to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue. This information may be used to deny the issuance and renewal of your license or to revoke your license if you owe the Minnesota Department of Revenue delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest. PELSB will provide only your Social Security number to the Department of Revenue. However, under the Federal Exchange of Information Act, the Department of Revenue is allowed to share this information to the Internal Revenue Service. Failing to supply this information may jeopardize or delay the issuance or your license or processing your renewal application.

When working with required data reporting from Minnesota public school districts, PELSB will use your private or confidential data only for purposes of confirming unique identity. PELSB staff having access to this data are only those working directly with licensing or the data reporting systems.

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A completed Conduct Review Statement must accompany every application.

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Section 1: Applicant Information

MINNESOTA FILE FOLDER NUMBER		Enter your MN File Folder Number, if applicable.		REGISTER NUMBER (for state use only)	
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Previous Name
Social Security Number/ITIN (required) <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you do not have a SSN/ITIN			Birthdate: mm/dd/yyyy		Gender (optional) <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Contact Information:	Daytime Telephone Number		Email Address (PELSB communications will be sent to this email address.)		
Home Address:	Street	City		State	ZIP
Designated Address:	Street	City		State	ZIP
Ethnicity/Race (optional; choose all that apply)	<input type="radio"/> Alaskan Native/ American Indian	<input type="radio"/> Asian	<input type="radio"/> Black/African American	<input type="radio"/> Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	<input type="radio"/> Hispanic/ Latino <input type="radio"/> White

Section 2: Application Type

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check here if this short-call substitute application is based on a bachelor’s degree or completed student teaching.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check here if this short-call substitute license is based on CTE or Career Pathways qualifications.

Section 3: Educational Background

Use the following for Degree Code:	0 – No Degree	1 – Associate’s Degree	2 – Bachelor’s Degree	3 – 5 th Year/Non-degree Program	
		4 – Master’s Degree	5 – Specialist	6 – Doctorate	
College or University	Located at (city and state)	Degree Code	Date of Degree	Degree Field	FOR STATE USE ONLY College Code

Name	File Folder Number
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Section 4: Licensure Requirements

1. **The applicant meets the educational or professional requirements by holding a bachelor's degree** (*submit official transcripts; the degree must be identified on the transcript*)
2. **OR, the applicant meets the educational or professional requirements by completing student teaching in an approved Minnesota teacher preparation program without a degree awarded** (*submit official transcripts; the student teaching grade must be identified on the transcript*)
3. **OR, the applicant meets one of the following educational or professional requirements:**
- 1) Holds an associate's or higher degree in a CTE or Career Pathways licensure field (*submit official transcripts; the degree must be identified on the transcript*), **OR**
 - 2) Holds professional certification from an approved certifying organization that is directly aligned to a CTE or Career Pathways licensure field (*submit a copy of the certification*), **OR**
 - 3) Verifies five years of work experience that is directly aligned to a CTE or Career Pathways licensure field (*have **Section 6** completed by an authorized official*).

Section 5A: Conduct Review Statement

(required for ALL applications)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Previous Name
File Folder Number		Social Security Number/ITIN (required)	
Birthdate: mm/dd/yyyy		FOR STATE USE ONLY	

You must answer all questions completely and provide all requested information. Failure to answer any of the questions in a truthful manner or failure to provide the information requested could lead to denial of any educator license. If you are completing the conduct review for a renewal of or addition to an existing Minnesota license, only disclose incidents that have occurred since your last license was issued.

Check the appropriate boxes below. If there is any writing on this form, it cannot be scanned properly and your application will be delayed. If you are submitting additional information, you must use either the Supplemental Information Form or other sheets of paper.

Yes No 1. Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

A “crime” means conduct which is prohibited by statute and for which the actor may be sentenced to imprisonment, with or without a fine. Crimes include misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors, and felonies. DWIs and DUILs are included in this definition and must be disclosed. Do NOT include petty misdemeanors in your disclosures as these are not crimes.

The term “conviction” includes a finding of guilt by a jury or judge, an admission of guilt or a plea of guilty, an Alford plea (a plea without admission of guilt), a plea of “no contest,” and/or charges that have resulted in a stay of imposition of sentence. If your criminal conviction has been expunged by a court order, you do NOT need to disclose the conviction; however, you may first wish to verify if your conviction is subject to full expungement versus a court records expungement (“inherent authority expungement”). Inherent authority expungement orders do not prohibit convictions from showing up on a background check. Convictions subject to an inherent authority expungement need to be disclosed.

If you answered “yes,” complete and include the Supplemental Information Form (Section 5B) and attach it to this page.

Yes No 2. Have you ever been referred to a pre-trial diversion program after being arrested?

If you answered “yes,” complete and include the Supplemental Information Form (Section 5B) and attach it to this page.

Yes No 3. Have you ever been acquitted, found not guilty, or given a stay of adjudication of a criminal offense involving sexual conduct, homicide, assault, or any other crime involving violence?

If you answered “yes,” complete and include the Supplemental Information Form (Section 5B) and attach it to this page.

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CONDUCT REVIEW STATEMENT continued

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- Yes No 4. Are any criminal charges currently pending against you in Minnesota or any other state (this includes a pending stay of adjudication)?
- If you answered "yes," you must complete the Supplemental Information Form (Section 5B) and attach it to this page.
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- Yes No 5. Have you ever been the subject of a harassment restraining order, a domestic assault no contact order, an order for protection, a temporary restraining order, or similar civil protective order in Minnesota or any other state?
- If you answered "yes," you must attach materials explaining the type of protective order, the date action was taken, the final order document, the court file number, and the court/county involved.
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- Yes No 6. Have you ever been found in violation of a harassment restraining order, a domestic assault no contact order, an order for protection, a temporary restraining order, or similar civil protective order in Minnesota or any other state?
- If you answered "yes," you must complete the Supplemental Information Form (Section 5B) and attach it to this page.
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- Yes No 7. Have you ever been the subject of a maltreatment finding or disqualification by the Minnesota Department of Education, the Minnesota Department of Human Services, a county human services office or similar agency in Minnesota or another state?
- If you answered "yes," you must attach materials explaining the type of action, the date action was taken, the final order document, and the agency involved.
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- Yes No 8. Have you ever had an education or other occupational license revoked, suspended, denied, subject to a stayed suspension/probation, or received a formal reprimand in Minnesota or any other state?
- If you answered "yes," you must attach material explaining the type of license, the date action was taken, the final decision document, and the agency involved.
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- Yes No 9. Have you ever voluntarily surrendered or terminated an education or other occupational license because of misconduct?
- If you answered "yes," you must attach material explaining the basis for the surrender/termination, type of license, location, date of surrender/termination, and agency involved.
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- Yes No 10. Is disciplinary action/a misconduct investigation against your teaching, administrative, or other occupational license currently pending in Minnesota or another state?
- If you answered "yes," you must attach material explaining the action or charges, location, date, status of investigation and board/employer involved.
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CONDUCT REVIEW STATEMENT continued

- Yes No 11. Have you ever been terminated, suspended, resigned from or otherwise left an employment position after allegations of misconduct were made against you or when an investigation into those allegations was pending?

If you answered "yes," you must attach material explaining the action or charges, location, date, and employer involved.

- Yes No 12. Have you or a school district in which you were employed ever been a party to a civil settlement, award, or agreement of any kind that involved an allegation that involved **YOUR** sexual conduct?

If you answered "yes," you must attach material explaining the situation including the date and location of the school district.

WARNING: FAILURE TO ANSWER ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IN A TRUTHFUL MANNER OR FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED COULD LEAD TO DENIAL OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION BEING TAKEN AGAINST ANY EDUCATOR LICENSE.

Certification of Information

I certify the foregoing information is true and correct. I hereby authorize any listed courts and law enforcement agencies identified in this application to release any information concerning me to the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB).

Signature of Applicant	Date
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<p>Section 5B: Supplemental Information Form (required only if you answered "YES" to questions 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6)</p>

Please photocopy and complete a separate form for each conviction or outstanding charge.

1. Convicted or currently charged with:

2. Level of offense (check one): Felony Gross Misdemeanor Misdemeanor

3. Date of offense:

4. Name of arresting agency (police, county sheriff, etc.):

5. Court jurisdiction (i.e., Hennepin County District Court, Minneapolis, Minnesota):

6. Plea and conditions of probation, if any:

7. Date of release from probation:

8. If still on probation, name and telephone number of probation officer:

9. Details of incident:

<p>Verification/Authorization of Information</p>

I verify the foregoing information is true and correct. I hereby authorize the above listed courts and law enforcement agencies to release any information concerning me to the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

File Folder Number	Printed Name	Date of Birth	
Signature of Applicant			Date

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Section 6: Verification of Work Experience

If you are using five years of work experience that is directly aligned to a Career and Technical (CTE) or Career Pathways licensure field to qualify for a substitute license, an authorized official must complete the below work experience information.

Work Experience					
Place of Employment	Location (city, state)	Dates of Employment		Percentage Fulltime	Position Title
		Start	End		

I confirm this information is correct.

Name of Employer	Mailing Address (city, state, ZIP code)		
Printed Name of Authorized Official		Title of Authorized Official	
Email Address of Authorized Official		Ten-Digit Telephone Number	
Signature of Authorized Official			Date