

NASDTEC Information

National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) information:

The [NASDTEC Interstate Agreement](#) facilitates the movement of educators among the states and other jurisdictions that are members of NASDTEC and have signed the Agreement. The Interstate Agreement has developed common terminology to describe a certification/license which facilitates comparability determinations by state departments of education.

Interstate Agreement Stages of Licensure Descriptions

Additional information including definitions and terms are available at [NASDTEC Interstate Agreement](#). Pennsylvania certifications classified by stages can be found in [Types of Certificates](#) under NASDTEC Stages of Licensure.

Teacher - person whose primary responsibility is to instruct students or as otherwise defined by the Member Jurisdiction

Support Professional - person, other than a teacher or administrator, who is required to hold an educator license based upon at least a bachelor's degree (i.e., Education Specialists in PA such as School Counselor, School Nurse, etc).

Stages of Teacher or Support Professional Licensure:

Certification or License	Stage 1 License	Stage 2 License	Stage 3 License	Stage 4 License
Jurisdiction Equivalent	<p>A license issued to an individual who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> holds a minimum of a bachelor's degree, met approved program admission requirements, but has not met the jurisdiction-specific requirements of the issuing Member Jurisdiction. 	<p>A license issued to an individual who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> holds a minimum of a bachelor's degree, has completed an approved program, but has not met the jurisdiction-specific requirements for a Stage 3 license of the issuing Member Jurisdiction 	<p>A license issued to an individual who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> holds a minimum of a bachelor's degree, has completed an approved program and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has met all jurisdiction-specific requirements of the issuing Member Jurisdiction 	<p>A license issued to an individual who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> holds a minimum of a master's degree or the equivalent, has completed an approved program and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has met all jurisdiction-specific requirements beyond those required for the Stage 3 License of the issuing Member Jurisdiction

Administrator - an educator whose primary duties may include the supervision of programs or curriculum; and/or the supervision or management of a local educational agency, a school building, a school program, or a school system. This includes principal and vocational directors, for example.

Stages of Administrator Licensure:

Administrator Certification or License	Stage 1 Administrator License	Stage 2 Administrator License	Stage 3 Administrator License
Jurisdiction Equivalent	<p>A license issued to an individual who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • holds a minimum of a bachelor's degree, • has met approved school administrator preparation program admission requirements, but • has not met the jurisdiction specific requirements of the issuing Member Jurisdiction. 	<p>A license issued to an individual who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has completed an approved school administrator preparation program, but • has not met the jurisdiction-specific requirements for a Stage 3 license of the issuing Member Jurisdiction. 	<p>A license issued to an individual who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • holds a minimum of a Master's degree and • has met all Jurisdiction Specific Requirements for licensure, including endorsements when applicable.