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 NADSDTEC 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:

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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:

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  • holds a minimum of a bachelor's degree,  
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  • 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. | A license issued to an individual who:  
  • holds a minimum of a Master's degree and  
  • has met all Jurisdiction Specific Requirements for licensure, including endorsements when applicable. |