



National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

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Audience

Students who are already licensed teachers in one state and are interested in obtaining licensure in a different state.

Purpose

The National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreements are a collection of individual state agreements that help facilitate the movement of educators across states and other jurisdictions. These agreements make it possible for an educator who completed an approved program and/or who holds a certificate/license in one area to earn a certificate/license in another state or jurisdiction.

Key Points:

1. Differences in professional and ethical standards for preparation, licensure, and continuing development of educators may still exist.
2. The term "reciprocity" is conditional between Member Jurisdictions. Since licensure criteria differ, an educator's license from one Member Jurisdiction is not automatically "exchanged" for a license in another.
3. Minimum essential components of an approved educator preparation program are completion of a:
 - o Bachelor's degree (either prior to admission to the program or as part of the program)
 - o Supervised clinical practice
 - o Planned program of study

A Member Jurisdiction may impose additional components to meet its own standards.

4. Recognition of national certification of educators is at the discretion of Member Jurisdictions (i.e., National Board for Professional Teaching Standards).
5. The terms defined in this Interstate Agreement provide a common vocabulary which Member Jurisdictions agree to use in disseminating information nationally and internationally.