

Military Certificate Extension

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) recognizes the sacrifices and contributions of military families and will extend the validity date of a Michigan teaching certificate.

A member of a Reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States or National Guard who is called to active duty and who, at the time of deployment, holds a valid educator license in Michigan, is entitled to have the license extended for a period of time commensurate with the length of active duty service, provided the educator is honorably released from that active duty service.

A renewal can be requested any time after January 1 of the expiration year.

The [Teacher Certification](#) website contains guidance documents detailing the initial certification and recertification (e.g. renewal) requirements for all Michigan educator certificates.

Recertification of all Michigan teaching certificates requires 150 hours of [Education-Related Professional Learning](#). For certification questions or other information regarding the processing of your certificate extension, please contact the MDE Customer Services Center at MDE-EducatorHelp@michigan.gov.

Additional information on MDE-sponsored military benefits or programs can be found here:

www.michigan.gov/troopstoteachers