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 military certification fee reimbursement, 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