



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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LITTLE ROCK: As of September 1, educators obtaining, renewing or adding to an Arkansas teaching license will pay licensure fees ranging from \$35 to \$100 as part of the process. The fee structure is outlined in the Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators, which were approved by the State Board of Education as a result of Act 846 of 2007.

"Educators were one of the few professional groups in Arkansas that lacked a fee structure or a means of self-governance," said Beverly Williams, assistant commissioner for human resources and licensure with the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). "By establishing the framework for both of these, Act 846 and the resultant rules elevate the status of the teaching profession in Arkansas."

The following fees will be collected after September 1:

Five-Year Standard Teaching License	\$100.00
Renewal of Five-Year Standard Teaching License	\$100.00
Five-Year Vocational Permit	\$100.00
Renewal of Five-Year Vocational Permit	\$100.00
Duplicate Teaching License	\$ 50.00
Adding Advanced Degree	\$ 50.00
(no charge when added at time of renewal)	
One-Year Professional Teaching Permit	\$ 35.00

The fees are also applied to automatic renewals of licenses. The Arkansas Department of Education has begun automatically renewing teaching licenses set to expire December 31, 2008. Automatic renewal will occur only if the teacher:

- 1) Holds a standard teaching license that expires December 31, 2008.
- 2) Has successfully completed at least one background check through the Arkansas State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- 3) Was employed by a public school for the 2007-2008 school year.
- 4) Has completed the required sixty hours of professional development for the previous three school years.
- 5) Has paid the \$100 fee for licensure renewal by October 1. Fees may be submitted to the Information Network of Arkansas by way of credit card payment (Visa, MasterCard, Discover) or electronic check at the web address of <http://www.ark.org/teachers/licensure> beginning September 1.

Teachers not meeting the requirements for the automatic renewal shall submit all paperwork and fees payable by a money order or cashier's check for the renewal of teaching licenses to the Office of Professional Licensure, Four Capitol Mall, Room 106-B, Little Rock, AR 72201.

Questions regarding licensure issues should be addressed to Ron Tolson, Coordinator of Professional Licensure, at 501-683-3126 or by e-mail at ron.tolson@arkansas.gov.

The Arkansas Department of Education strives to ensure that all children in the state have access to a quality education by providing educators, administrators and staff with leadership, resources and training.