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Adding Endorsements

The Virginia Licensure Regulations for School Personnel allow a license-holder to add an endorsement based on verification of the completion of an approved program for that endorsement or the inclusion of the new endorsement on a full, renewable out-of-state license. If neither of the above applies, an evaluation for the endorsement must be requested by the employing Virginia school division.

Added endorsements are available through the following options:

1. Completing the courses for an additional major in the new area with specific requirements met;
2. Completing the requirements for a designated add-on endorsement (Driver Education, Gifted Education, Algebra I, etc.) In some endorsement areas (science, foreign language), the addition of related endorsements is allowed through completing specific abbreviated requirements from within the content area.
3. A passing score on a Praxis II Specialty Area Test in an area for which Virginia requires a Praxis II test (except Elementary Education). This option requires that the individual already hold a full endorsement on a valid license. If the individual holds a Provisional License, the Praxis II assessment for their original endorsement must be completed before additional endorsements can be added through testing. This route is not an option for areas that do not require a Praxis II assessment (Special Education, ESL, Latin, etc.) This route is not an option for the elementary education endorsement (PK-3 or PK-6).

All endorsement requirements for Virginia can be found in the licensure regulations at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/licensure_regs.pdf

The teacher's assessment information can be found at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/prof_teacher_assessment.pdf

Fees for adding endorsements can be found at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/licensure_fees.pdf