

Teachers with Life Licenses

Under PI 34, the current administrative code for licensing, Life Licenses remain valid as long as during the past five years the educator has either been regularly employed by a school district or taken six semester credits. If the educator has done neither, the Life License becomes invalid.

Invalid Life Licenses can be revalidated by completing six semester credits and completing an application using Educator Licensing Online (ELO – <http://dpi.wi.gov/elo>). If you believe that your Life License was incorrectly invalidated, please contact the Teacher Education, Professional Development, and Licensing Team at <http://dpi.wi.gov/support/contact-educator-licensing>.

Situation	Life license is...	Needed for revalidation
Educator with a life license who has taught at least one contact hour for one semester in the past five years	valid	
Educator with a life license who has taught at least one contact hour per day for one semester as a long-term substitute in the past five years	valid	
Educator with a life license who has taught at least one contact hour per day for one summer semester in the past five years	valid	
Educator with a life license who has taught intermittently as a day-to-day substitute during the past five years	not valid because the employment was not “at fixed or uniform intervals”	six credits or PDP (or eligible for a 1-year extension or a 5-year substitute license)

PI 34.20 Life licenses.

- (1) Effective July 1, 1983 life licenses are no longer issued.
- (2) A life license issued prior to July 1, 1983 is valid as long as the holder remains active in the profession, unless revoked by the state superintendent. This license becomes invalid if, for 5 or more consecutive years, the holder is not regularly employed* in education. Completing the requirements given in PI 34.18 (2)** may revalidate the invalidated license.

*PI 34.01 (48) defines “regularly employed” as “employment as a professional school employee, at fixed or uniform intervals, for the equivalent of at least one contact hour per day for at least one semester.”

**The requirements in PI 34.18 (2) are to complete six semester credits or a PDP.

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