

# Out-of-State Educator Assessment Waiver for Practitioner 1<sup>st</sup> Issuance License Renewal or Advancement

This form **must** be uploaded to [TNCompass](#) in the *Attachments* section on the *Licensure* tab of the educator's profile. **This form will not be accepted by mail or by email.**

In accordance with the passage of Section 2 of [Chapter 125 of the Public Acts of 2021](#), which amends TCA 49-5-108(c)(5)(C), this form may be submitted in lieu of qualifying scores on required professional assessments by an educator seeking to renew or advance a Practitioner 1st Issuance license that was issued on the basis of the educator holding an active professional-level license in a state other than Tennessee at the time of application for initial Tennessee licensure.

If the educator did not receive a level of overall effectiveness (LOE) of *above expectations* or *significantly above expectations* during one (1) or both of the two (2) years immediately following the issuance of the educator's Practitioner 1st Issuance license, then the educator may choose to either:

- a. Use the educator's most recent LOE that is available to demonstrate an effectiveness level of "above expectations" or "significantly above expectations," **in which case this form is not required;**

**OR**

- b. the educator may request that the director of schools or director of a public charter school submit a recommendation to the department on the educator's effectiveness. If a director submits a recommendation to the department attesting to the effectiveness of the educator, then the department shall consider the requirements to be met, and shall not require the educator to take an assessment to renew or advance the Practitioner 1st Issuance license. **The recommendation must be completed on this form and will not be accepted in any other format.**

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**Educator First Name**

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**Educator Last Name**

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**Teacher License Number**

## Director of Schools Recommendation

**Must be director of schools, designee signature is not acceptable.**

By signing below, the director of schools or director of a public charter school hereby:

1. Affirms that the educator named above is seeking to renew or advance a Tennessee Practitioner 1st Issuance license that was issued on the basis of the educator holding an active professional-level license in a state other than Tennessee at the time of application for initial Tennessee licensure; **and**
2. Recommends to the department, on the basis of attesting to the effectiveness of the educator, that the department not require the educator to take an assessment to renew or advance the Practitioner 1st Issuance license.

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**Director Name**

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**District Name**

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**Director Signature (inked or verified digital signature required)**

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**Date**