

**Renewal Application for Private Business, Trade, or  
Technical School Licenses**

**Licensing Year 2026**



**Maine Department of Education**  
Office of Higher Education & Educator Support Services  
23 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0023

## PART I: Statutory Basis, Exemptions, & Required Materials

<b>Statutory Basis</b>	<p>This application form and its processing by the Maine Department of Education follows the requirements of 20-A MRS §9501-§9508 and 05-071 Department of Education Rule Chapter 147: <i>Rules for the Licensing of Privately Owned Business, Trade and Technical Schools</i>.</p>
<b>Exemptions</b>	<p>The following institutions are exempt from licensing requirements under the terms of Rule Chapter 147 (2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Educational programs offered by any non-profit corporation;</li> <li>B. Institutions whose course(s) are avocational, cultural, or recreational in nature and do not advertise the instruction as conveying employable or marketable skills;</li> <li>C. Commercial driver schools which are licensed by the Board of Commercial Driver Education under 32 MRSA c. 95;</li> <li>D. Educational programs related to the real estate professions which are subject to approval by the Maine Real Estate Commission under 32 MRSA c. 59;</li> <li>E. Educational programs offered by any professional or trade association primarily for the benefit of its own members;</li> <li>F. Any institution authorized by the laws of this State to grant a degree;</li> <li>G. Any course of instruction or training sponsored by a company for the education and training of its own employees, and the training or instruction is not the primary activity of the company;</li> <li>H. Schools of cosmetology and barbering licensed under 20-A MRSA § 9505.</li> </ul> <p><i>Any institutions with questions about exemption status should contact the Maine DOE Office of Higher Education &amp; Educator Support services at HigherEd.DOE@maine.gov.</i></p>
<b>License Duration</b>	<p>All licenses are valid for the calendar year denoted on the application; licenses expire on December 31 regardless of the date of submission or processing. [20-A MRS §9502 (1)(A)]</p>

## Required Materials

Application Materials	Statute/Rule	Page in this Document
Completed & Certified Application Form	20-A MRS §9502 (1)	Entire document
Appendix A: Financial Audit or Statement(s)	Rule Ch. 147 (3)(A)(1)(b)	7
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Licensing Fee (Check)	20-A MRS §9502 (1)(B)	10

<b>On-Site Evaluations</b>	<p><i>Per Rule Ch. 147 (4)(A)(1), “the renewal licensing process may include an on-site evaluation when appropriate”. The Maine Department of Education will notify a school in instances where it deems an on-site evaluation is necessary in the processing of a renewal application.</i></p>
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## PART II: Institutional Information

### 1. Institution

<b>Name of School</b>			
<b>Physical Address</b>	Physical Address (Street)		
	Municipality	State	Zip
<b>Mailing Address</b>	Mailing Address (Street/PO Box)		
	Municipality	State	Zip
<b>General Contact</b>	Telephone	Fax	
	Email		
	Website		

### 2. Ownership

<b>School Ownership Entity</b>			
<b>Parent Company</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>			
<b>Owner Address</b>	Owner Address		
	Municipality	State	Zip
<b>Owner Contact</b>	Telephone	Fax	
	Email		

**3. Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)**

<b>CAO Name</b>		
<b>CAO Title</b>		
<b>CAO Contact</b>	Telephone	Fax
	Email	

**4. Institutional Offerings**

<b>Type of School</b>	
<b>Award Levels for Successful Course Completion</b> <i>(e.g. diploma, certificate)</i>	
<b>Accreditation Status</b>	Accrediting Agency (or Agencies)
	Has the school's accreditation changed in the past year? (Explain)
<b>Does the School have Physical Presence in Maine?</b> <i>(If so, indicate location)</i>	Location in Maine
<b>Are Programs Conducted Online?</b> <i>(If so, please list)</i>	Online Programs



## PART III: Appendices & Disclosures

### 7. Financial Statements

<b>Financial Aid Programs</b>	Does the school participate in state/local financial aid?
	How many students currently receive federal financial aid?
<b>Student Expenses</b>	Current Tuition & Fees
	Current Room & Board
	Other Student Expenses, if applicable (explain)
<b>Total Gross Receipts</b>	<b>Maine Schools:</b> Report tuition for Maine and non-Maine residents.
	<b>Out-of-State Schools:</b> Report tuition only for Maine residents.
	Total Gross Receipts in Prior 12 Months
<b>Financial Stability</b>	Please explain any changes to the school's financial stability, if applicable.

<b>APPENDIX A</b>	<p><b>PLEASE ENCLOSE FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS AS APPENDIX A</b></p> <p><i>Schools participating in financial aid programs must include an audit conducted by a certified public accountant unaffiliated with the school.</i></p> <p><i>Schools not participating in financial aid programs may instead provide internally prepared financial statements signed by the owner.</i></p>
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**8. Surety Bond**

<b>Bond Amount</b>	<b>Renewal Applicants:</b> <i>Greater of \$20,000 or 10% of gross receipts from tuition in the 12 months prior.</i>
<b>Favored Debtor</b>	<b>If School Participates in State/Federal Financial Aid Programs (except the Federal Direct Student Loan Program):</b> Finance Authority of Maine
	<b>All Other Applicants:</b> Maine Department of Education

<b>APPENDIX B</b>	<p><b>PLEASE ENCLOSE SURETY BOND AS APPENDIX B</b></p> <p><i>Bond must follow the amount and favored debtor guidelines above.</i></p>
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**9. Certificates of Inspection**

<b>Required Certificates</b>	<b>Fire:</b> A valid certificate of inspection from local fire department is required at initial application and thereafter every four years.
	<b>Safety:</b> A valid certificate of inspection from local code enforcement officer is required at initial application and thereafter every four years.
	<b>Food:</b> If school prepares and provides food on premises, a valid certificate of inspection from the Maine Department of Health & Human Services is required at initial application and thereafter every four years.

<b>APPENDIX C</b>	<p><b>PLEASE ENCLOSE CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION AS APPENDIX C</b></p> <p><i>Certificates of inspection remain valid for four (4) years from the date of initial issuance unless revoked by one or more of these agencies.</i></p> <p><i>Please provide a copy of your certificate with this application.</i></p>
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## 10. Student Records

<b>Record Keeping</b>	Please explain how student records are maintained.
	Please explain how student credits are tabulated.

<b>APPENDIX D</b>	<b>PLEASE ENCLOSE STUDENT RECORD FORMS AS APPENDIX D</b> <i>Enclose a copy of forms used to maintain student records.</i>
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## 11. Student Refunds

<b>Refund Policy</b>	Please explain student refund policy.
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<b>APPENDIX E</b>	<b>PLEASE ENCLOSE STUDENT REFUND POLICY AS APPENDIX E</b> <i>Include student refund forms, if applicable.</i>
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## PART IV: Licensing Fee & Certification

### 12. Licensing Fee

<b>Fee Amount</b>	<b>Renewal Applicants: \$50</b>
<b>Payment</b>	<b>Method:</b> Check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine"
	Please indicate enclosed check number

***PLEASE ENCLOSE LICENSING FEE***  
*Make checks payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine"*

### 13. Certification by Chief Administrative Officer

<b>Consumer Rights</b>	<i>On behalf of applicant institution, I certify that information advising students of their rights to receive refunds and where to direct any complaints they may have concerning their education has been included in all school brochures and handbooks provided to students.</i>	
	Signature	
	Name	Title
<b>Legal Compliance</b>	<i>On behalf of applicant institution, I certify that the information in this application is accurate, and the applicant institution is in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.</i>	
	Signature	
	Name	Title