ALTERNATIVE LICENSE A

(1) Conditions for Issuance of the Alternative License A

(a) The applicant must have been granted a Bachelor's Degree in the teaching field from an institution with accreditation acceptable to the Tennessee Department of Education.

(b) A superintendent of schools in a Tennessee school system must state his/her intent to employ the applicant and must provide a mentor teacher for the applicant during the first two years of teaching.

(c) The applicant's transcript(s) must reflect an academic major in the area of endorsement sought OR the applicant must satisfy conditions noted below.
NOTE: If the applicant does not have an academic major in the area of endorsement sought, he/she must have been admitted to an approved teacher preparation program and obtained, from the certification officer at the college/university, a written statement that the applicant has already satisfied the skills and knowledges in the subject area component of the approved program. The statement MUST be ATTACHED to the application form.

(d) Applicants are eligible for an Alternative License A in all initial endorsement areas. Prior to the issuance of the Alternative License A, persons seeking endorsements in early childhood education, elementary education, or middle grades education must provide documentation signed by the college certification officer verifying that the candidate meets the approved teacher education program admission standards including verification of adequate academic progress as prescribed by the college/university.

(2) Duration – The following August 31.

(3) Requirements for Renewal of an Alternative License A

(a) Nine quarter/six semester hours of credit in areas of deficiency completed after the license was most recently issued or renewed.
NOTE: To satisfy item (a), the applicant must have been admitted to an approved teacher education program. His/her areas of deficiency must be identified on a program of studies prepared by the certification officer at the college/university. The program of studies MUST be ATTACHED to the application for renewal.

(b) A superintendent of schools in a Tennessee school system must state his/her intent to employ the applicant.

(c) An individual may not be issued an Alternative License A more than three times. (This includes initial issuance plus a limit of two renewals.)

INTERIM LICENSE B

(1) Conditions for Issuance of the Interim License B

(a) An Interim License B is issued if the applicant meets all requirements except completion of testing requirements as determined by the State Department of Education.

(b) A superintendent of schools in a Tennessee school system must state his/her intent to employ the applicant.

(2) Duration – The following August 31.

(3) Requirements for Renewal of an Interim License B

(a) A superintendent of schools in a Tennessee school system must state his/her intent to employ the applicant.

(b) An individual may not be issued an Interim License B more than two times.

(4) Exclusions for Issuance of the Interim License B – None.