

992 Career Pathway: Agriculture & Environmental Science and Technology (AEST)

This endorsement licenses a person to teach the following secondary courses:

- 029990 Agriscience, Introduction
- 991000 Concepts of Agriculture
- 991001 Science of Agricultural Animals
- 991002 Science of Agricultural Environment
- 991003 Science of Agricultural Plants
- 991004 Science of Agricultural Mechanization

Minimum Requirements for this Endorsement:

1. Education:

- Applicant must have earned a Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education in the area of Agricultural Education, Agricultural Economics, Animal and Dairy Science, Plant and Soil Science, Poultry Science, Veterinary Science, or other appropriate, related field approved by MDE program coordinator.

2. Technology Literacy and Related Assessment of that Competency:

- Applicant must validate technology competency by attaining the established minimum score or higher on an assessment approved by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE). The assessment must be directly related to technology competency required by the grade level and subject matter being taught. Approved assessments for this license are IC3 or other approved MDE substitute.

3. Occupational Experience and Related Assessment of that Experience:

- Applicants with a bachelor or higher degree must have at least one year of verifiable occupational experience in the past ten years. Experience must be appropriate to the subject to be taught. **(Exception: Those teachers that have a currently valid five-year license or have completed an alternate route program are not required to have the occupational experience.)**

4. Teacher Education Preparation and Related Assessment(s) of that Education:

- Applicant must enroll immediately in Vocational Instructor Preparation (VIP) program **(Exception: Those teachers that have a currently valid five-year license or have completed an alternate route program do not have to enroll in VIP.)**
- Applicant must complete the individualized professional development plan (PDP) requirements of the VIP program prior to the expiration date of the three-year Career & Technical license.
- Applicant must successfully complete a Certification for online learning workshop, module, or course that is approved by the Mississippi Department of Education.
- Applicant must successfully complete the Agriculture Certification workshop, module, or course that is approved by the Mississippi Department of Education.

Note: If the applicant meets all requirements listed above, that applicant will be issued a 992 endorsement – a five-year license. If the applicant meets the educational and occupational experience requirements, but does not meet all other requirements, the applicant may be issued one (1) three-year endorsement (license), and all requirements stated above must be satisfied prior to the ending date of that license.