

WHICH PERMIT DO I NEED?

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1517 Paraeducator Permit	1523 Long-Term Substitute Permit	1525 Intern Permit	1526 Contractor Permit	1527 Student Support Personnel Permit
<p>Educator applies for this overarching permit and DOE will determine which permit(s) may be awarded. After initial issuance and completing subsequent requirements, educator may apply for additional permit(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paraeducator Instructional RBT/ABAT • Behavior Intervention Paraeducator • Instructional Paraeducator • Service Paraeducator 	<p>Employed, either full time or part time, in a long-term substitute teacher, long-term substitute specialist, or long-term paraeducator position in a district or charter school.</p>	<p>“Intern” means a person who is completing a post-secondary capstone clinical experience or residency to become licensed as an educator or an individual who is completing a clinical experience for a license issued under Title 24. An intern may be paid or unpaid.</p> <p><i>Examples:</i> Not yet licensed Student Teachers, Residents (not hired as a para), School Counselors, School Psychologists, Social Workers, Speech Language Pathologists, 91-Days candidates, etc.</p>	<p>“Contractor” means a person who is not otherwise licensed or permitted under specific code or Title 24 and who is employed or self-employed for compensation and contracts with a school district or charter school in Delaware to provide direct services to students,</p>	<p>“Student support personnel” means a public-school employee or contracted employee who works in a student instructional support or behavior support role and is not otherwise licensed.</p> <p><i>Examples:</i> Student support personnel may include behavior or academic intervention personnel, school climate liaisons, behavior or family support coordinators, student advisors, college and career advisors, visiting teachers and other similar roles.</p>
<p>Apply for this permit if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hired as a paraprofessional in a district or charter school. • Hold a minimum of a GED or HS Diploma or higher. • Residents who are hired as paraprofessionals should hold a para permit even though they are residents, if this is how the LEA employs them. 	<p>Apply for this permit if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning to be hired as a long-term substitute as described above. • Being hired as a long-term substitute to fill a position that is projected to last at least 12 consecutive weeks in one (1) school. • Planning to work as substitute and would like to be ready to fill a long-term position. 	<p>Apply for this permit if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled in an established program through an institute of higher education and need to complete a capstone clinical experience to become licensed as an educator OR • Enrolled in an established program through an institute of higher education and need to complete clinical experience for a license issued under Title 24, typically through the Division of Professional Regulation OR • Enrolled in an established program approved by the DOE such as 91-Days in Lieu of Student Teaching. • Completing required post-graduate internship supervised clinical hours towards professional licensure or certification. • Working in a public school with students 	<p>Apply for this permit if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed by an outside agency or self-employed and will be placed in a Delaware district or charter school(s) either full-time or part-time to provide direct services to students. 	<p>Apply for this permit if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with students and their families in instructional or behavioral support. • Holding a bachelor’s degree or higher in Behavioral Science, Counseling, Education or Educational Studies, Health or Rehabilitation Sciences, including Orientation and Mobility, Human Services, Psychology, Social Sciences, or Social Work OR • holding a bachelor’s degree or higher in any area and have 2 years of verified full-time work experience in a human services field as defined in regulation (if you do not hold one of these degrees, see 1517 Behavior Interventionist Permit)
<p>Do not apply if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Already holding a current license and certificate issued by the DOE. • Already holding all four (4) permits listed above. 	<p>Do not apply if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Already holding a current license and certificate or paraeducator permit issued by the DOE. • Working for less than 12 consecutive weeks in one (1) public school. 	<p>Do not apply if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled in an ARTC program and are a teacher of record. • Enrolled in a Para-to-Teacher program. 	<p>Do not apply if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Already holding a current DOE license and certificate, a DPR professional license, or another permit issued by the DOE such as Paraeducator or Student Support Personnel. • A contracted substitute teacher or specialist. 	<p>Do not apply if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Already holding a current DOE license and certificate or a DPR professional license. • Not already holding an appropriate bachelor’s degree.