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## Licensed Occupations

Some state laws require that workers in certain fields have a license. The licenses help ensure that individuals perform their job well. In many states, the jobs below require licenses:

- Teachers
- Lawyers
- Doctors
- Cosmetologists
- Nurses
- Building contractors
- Counselors
- Therapists
- Electricians
- Land surveyors
- Barber



In Illinois, an estimated 1.6 million people need a license to work in their career. That is much lower than other states. Here is a list of states requiring the greatest number of licenses:

Rank	State	Percent of Workforce that is Licensed
1	Iowa	33.3%
2	Nevada	30.7%
3	Washington	30.5%
4	Florida	28.7%
5	Kentucky	27.8%
6	North Dakota	26.6%
7	Oregon	26.1%
8	New Mexico	25.9%
9	West Virginia	25.8%
10	Alaska	25.5%
11	Oklahoma	25.0%
12	Illinois	24.7%

To obtain a license, you must meet state standards for that career including training, on-the-job experience, and taking a licensure exam. The exams make sure you understand the work, rules or policies, practices, and more.

There is a difference between the terms 'certification' and 'licensure'. A certificate is not anything that is required for a job, although it may be helpful to have. A licensure is legally required in order to practice that profession.

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In Illinois, find five professions that require licenses.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Select one profession from your list above and research the following questions:

1. Which agency is responsible for the license?  
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2. What are the requirements of the individual to obtain the license?  
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3. How long does the license last?  
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