

# **Occupational Licensing Study 50 State Comparison**

State Board of Auctioneer Examiners

Apprentice Auctioneer  
Auctioneer  
Trading Assistant



Presented by the Pennsylvania  
Department of State

2020

# Apprentice Auctioneer

An apprentice auctioneer is a person who is licensed as an apprentice for the purpose of learning the profession of auctioneering, and who is sponsored and employed for compensation by a qualified auctioneer.

# Auctioneer

A licensed individual who sells or offers or attempts to sell property at auction.

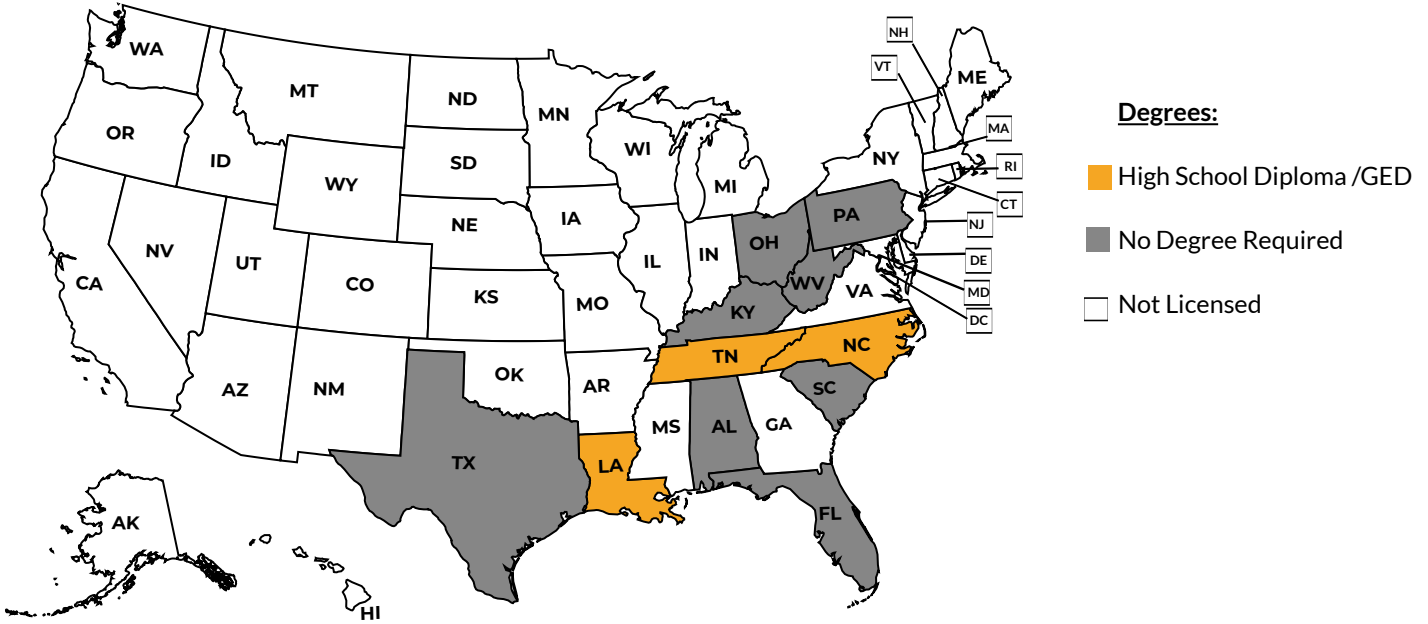
An auction is a method for the sale or lease of property, or any interest in property, by means of a verbal exchange, regular mail, telecommunications, the Internet, an electronic transmission or a physical gesture between an auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer or auction company and one or more potential purchasers or lessees through the solicitation of offers, in the form of bids, in an effort to advance the amount of the bids to obtain the highest or most favorable offer.

# Trading Assistant

An individual who, for a commission or fee, conducts or intends to conduct a business within this Commonwealth of selling, or offering to sell, the personal property of another through an online trading assistant consignment sale transaction, or who performs, or offers to perform, any of the functions or activities requiring registration under section 5.1(a) of the Auctioneer Licensing and Trading Assistant Registration Act.

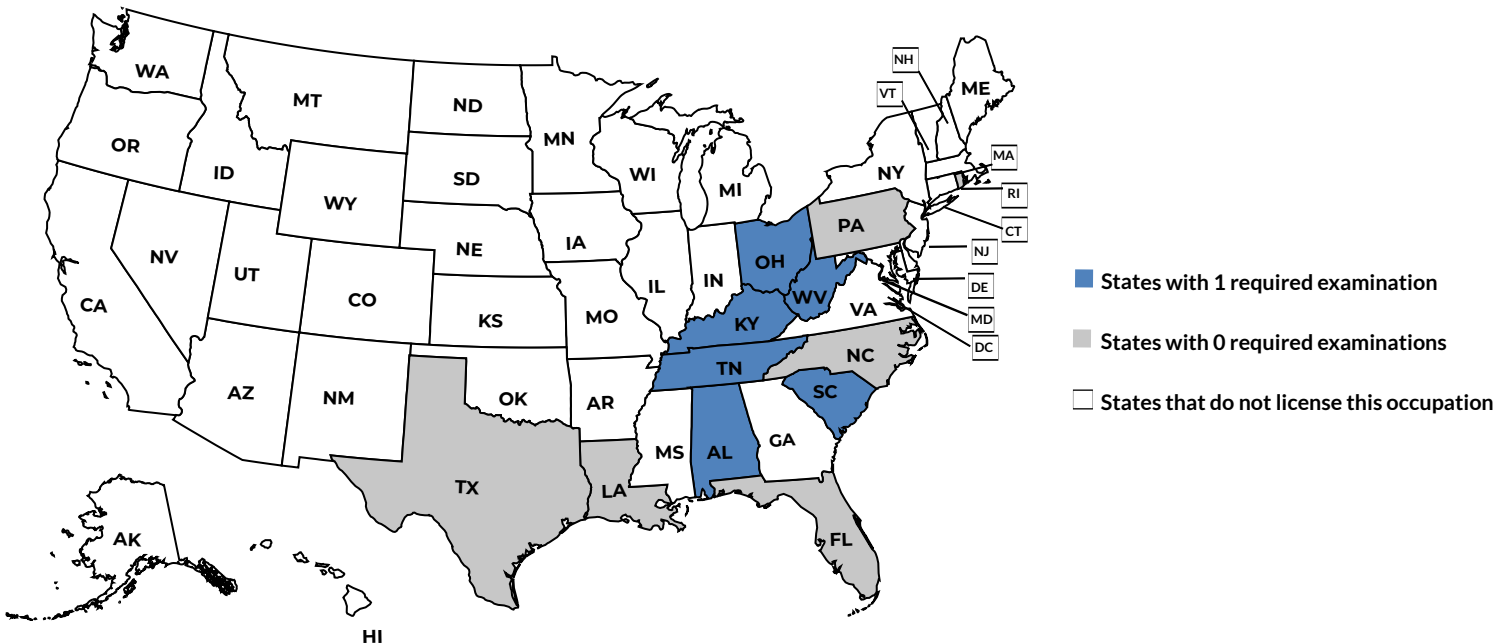
# Apprentice Auctioneer

## Degree Requirement



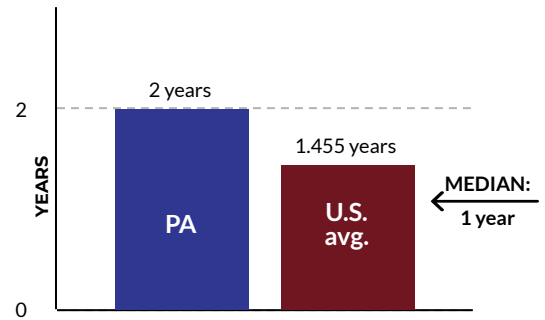
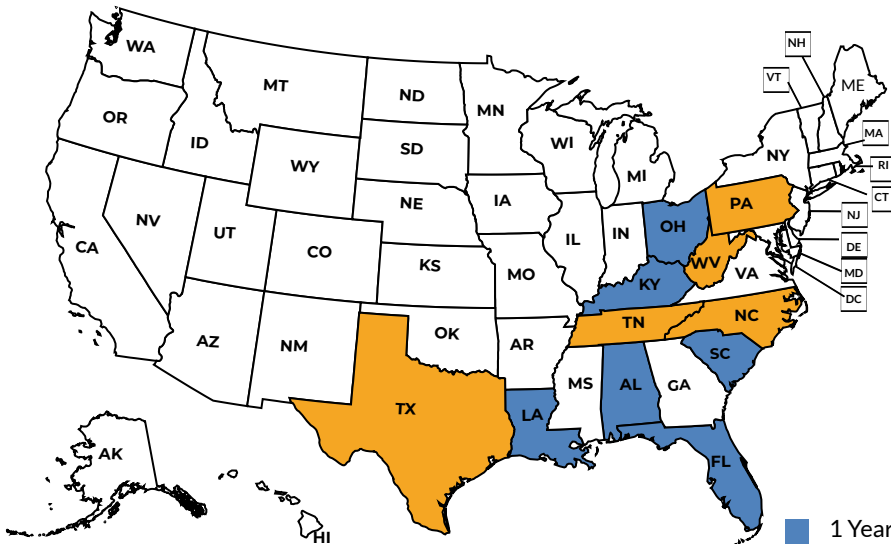
\*AL, KY, PA, TN, & WV do not require a degree, but require education from an auctioneer school. (See Observations Page)

## Examination Requirement



# Apprentice Auctioneer

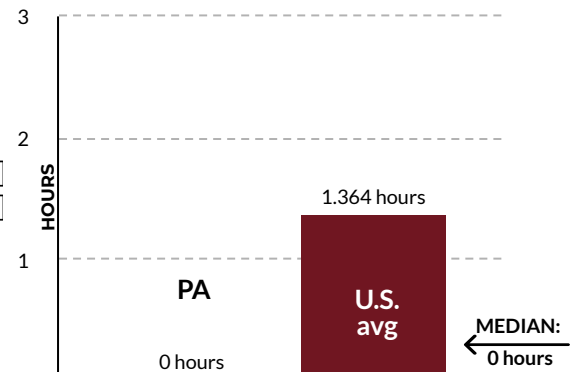
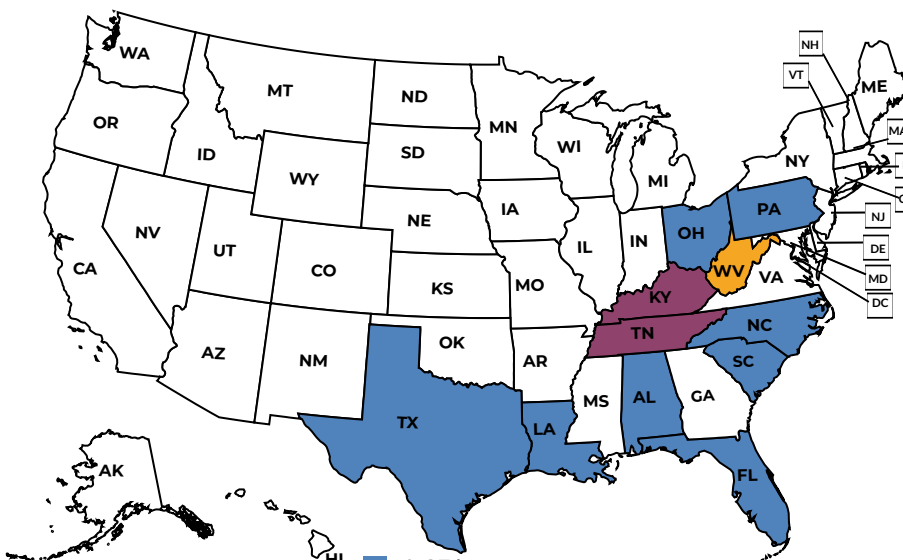
## Training / Experience Requirement



- 1 Year Apprenticeship Length
- 2 Years Apprenticeship Length
- States that do not license this occupation

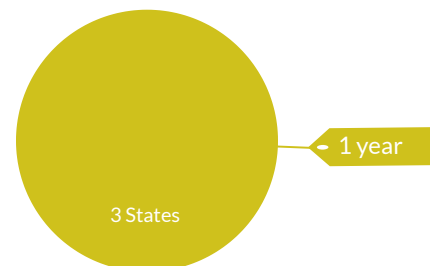
\*WV requires a 2 year long apprenticeship unless the applicant attended auctioneer school then he/she must only complete a 6 month long apprenticeship.

## Continuing Education Requirement



\*To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

### CE Reporting Cycles



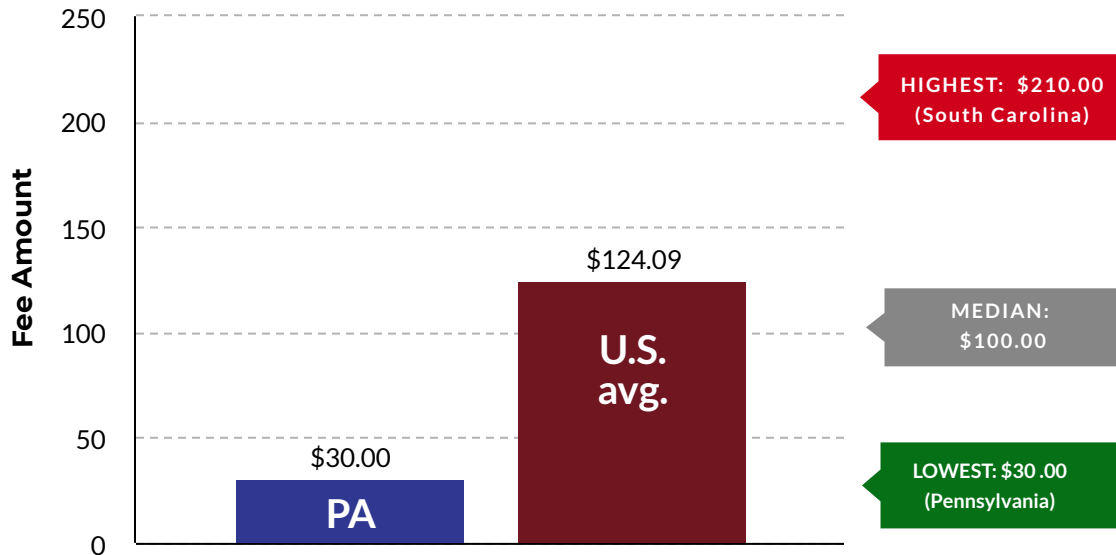
- 0 CE hours
- 6 CE hours/ 2 yr
- 12 CE hours/ 2 yr
- States that do not license this occupation

\*To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

\*8 states that license Apprentice Auctioneers do not require CE.

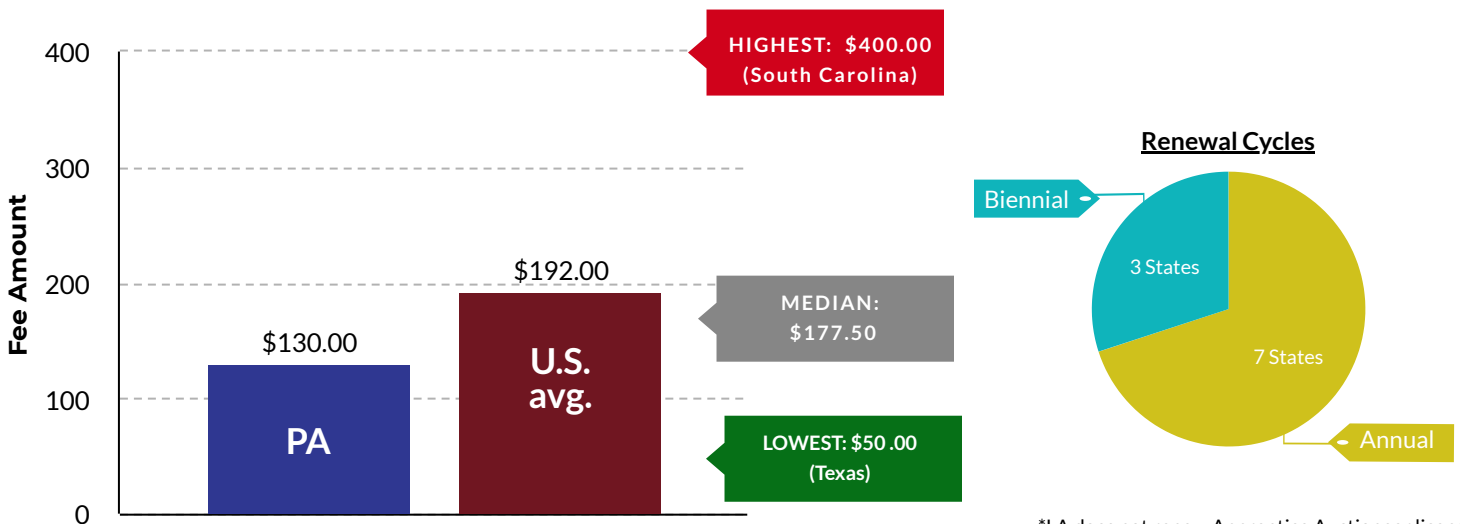
# Apprentice Auctioneer

## Initial Licensing Fee



\* Initial licensing fee comparison excludes examination fees, background check fees, and finger printing fees.

## Renewal Fees



\*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles

\*LA does not renew Apprentice Auctioneer licenses.

# Apprentice Auctioneer

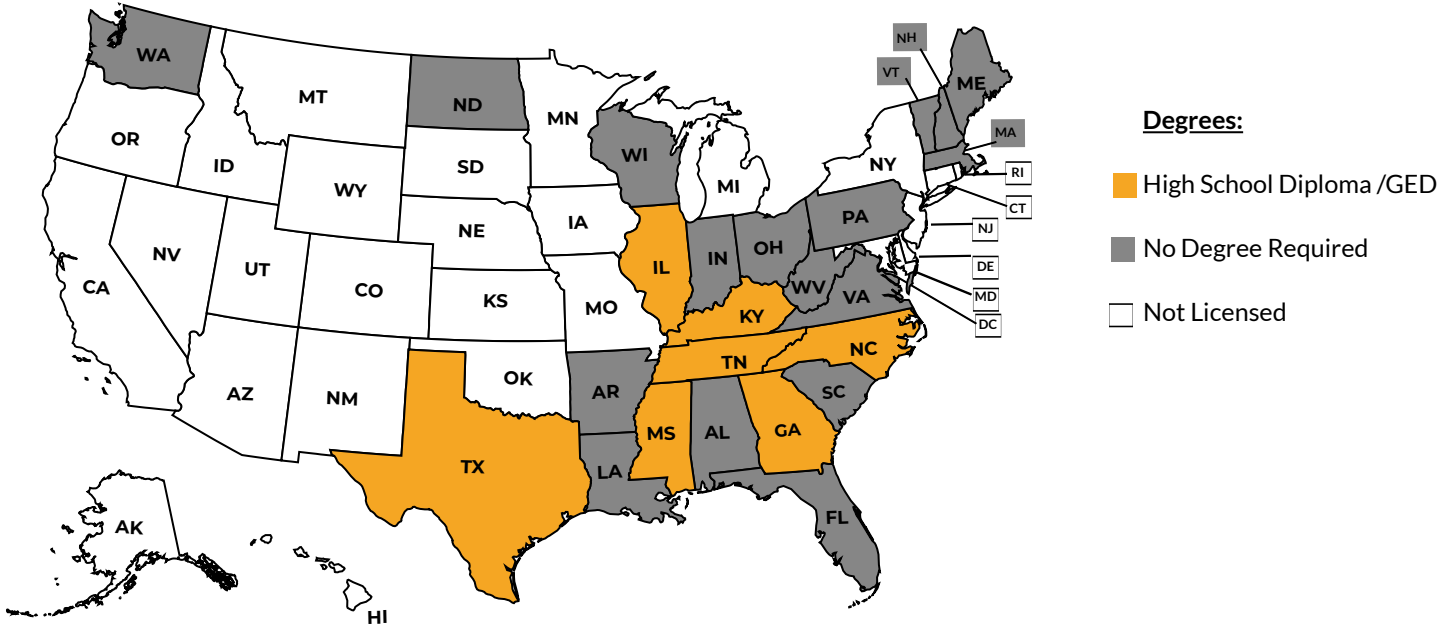
## States with Reciprocity or Endorsement

<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Reciprocity</u>	<u>Not Specified in Legislation</u>
	Kentucky North Carolina Pennsylvania** Tennessee	Alabama Florida Louisiana Ohio South Carolina Texas West Virginia

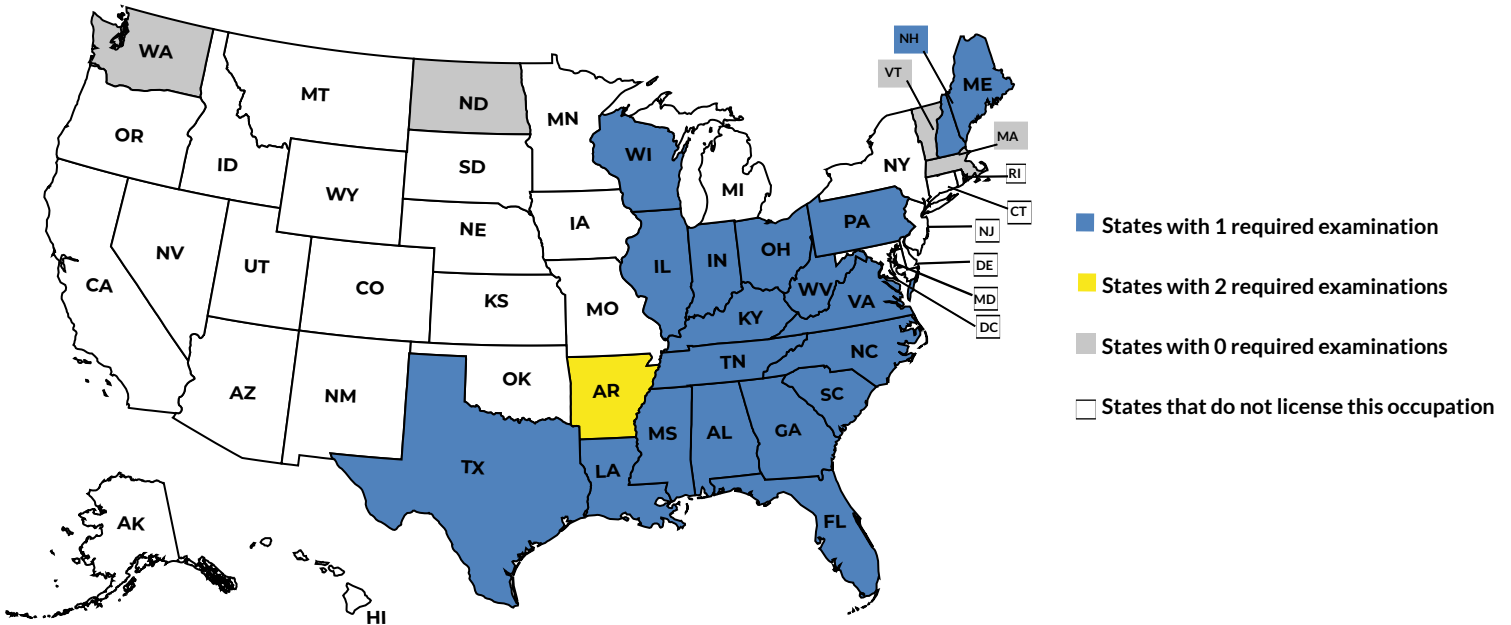
\*\*Act 41, signed by Governor Wolf on July 2, 2019, allows for portability of out-of-state professional licensees coming to work in Pennsylvania. Act 41 does this by granting all boards and commissions within the Commonwealth the authority to immediately endorse licensees from other states, territories or jurisdictions (with substantially equivalent licensing requirements) who are active, in good standing and without discipline against their license or criminal conviction. If a licensee comes from a jurisdiction that does not have substantially equal requirements for licensure, then the boards/commissions may grant a provisional licenses for a period of such time to allow the new resident to meet the necessary requirements, allowing them access to gainful employment in the interim.

# Auctioneer

## Degree Requirement

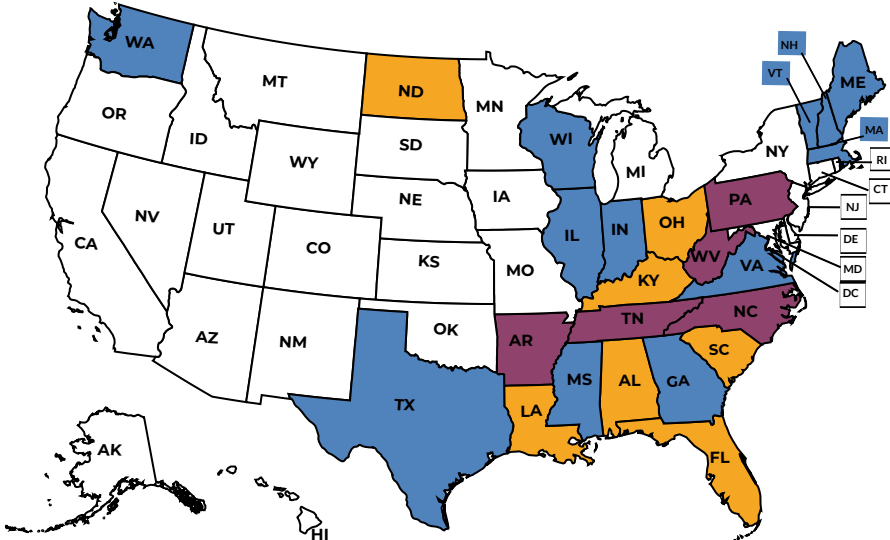


## Examination Requirement

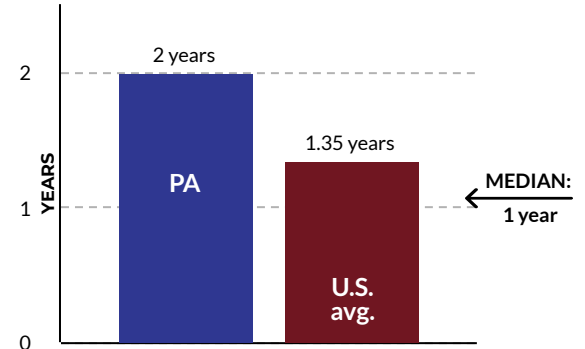


# Auctioneer

## Training / Experience Requirement



- No Apprenticeship Requirement
- 6 Month Apprenticeship Length
- 1 Year Apprenticeship Length
- 2 Years Apprenticeship Length
- States that do not license this occupation



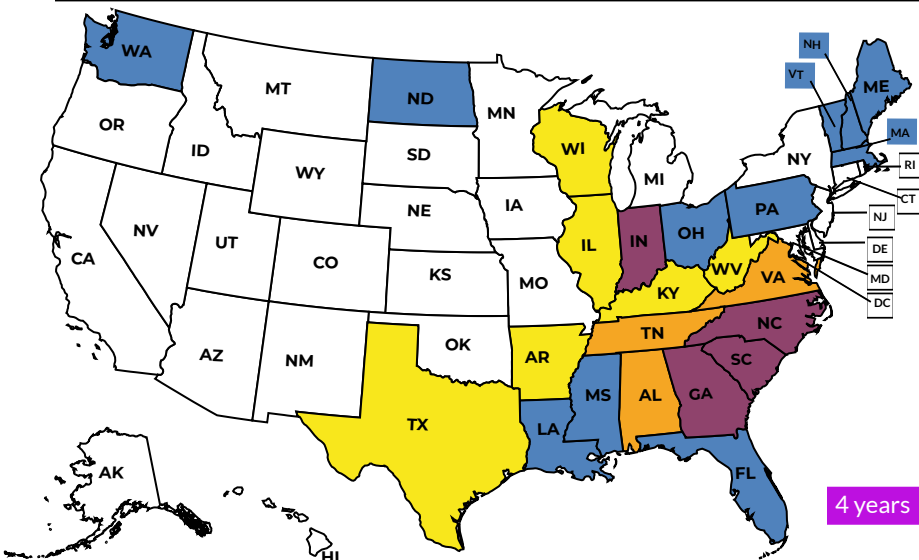
\*NH requires a 6 month long apprenticeship unless the applicant has attended auctioneer school then no apprenticeship is required.

\*NC requires a 2 year long apprenticeship unless the applicant has attended auctioneer school then no apprenticeship is required.

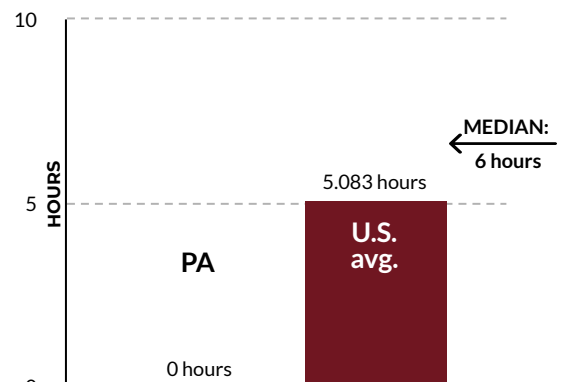
\*SC and VT require a 1 year long apprenticeship unless the applicant has attended auctioneer school then no apprenticeship is required.

\*WV requires a 2 year long apprenticeship unless the applicant has attended auctioneer school then a 6 month apprenticeship is required.

## Continuing Education Requirement

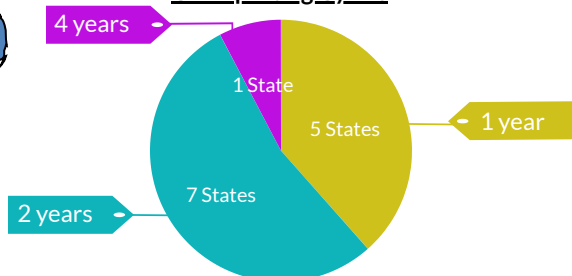


- 0 CE hours
- 6 CE hours/ 2 yr
- 8 CE hours/ 2 yr
- 12 CE hours/ 2 yr
- States that do not license this occupation



\*To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

### CE Reporting Cycles



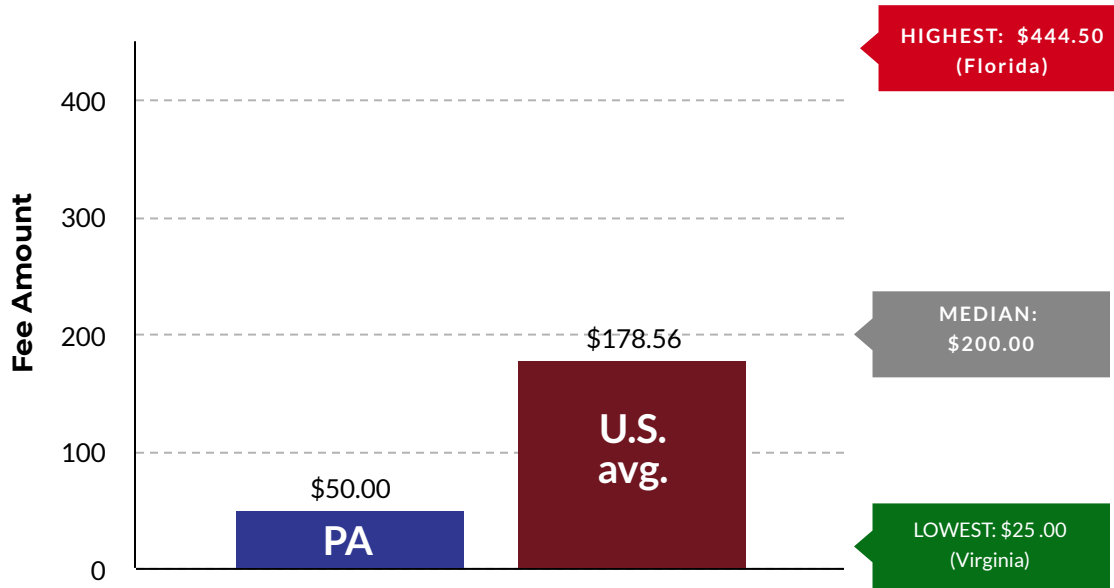
\*To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

\*The pie chart excludes states that require 0 CE.



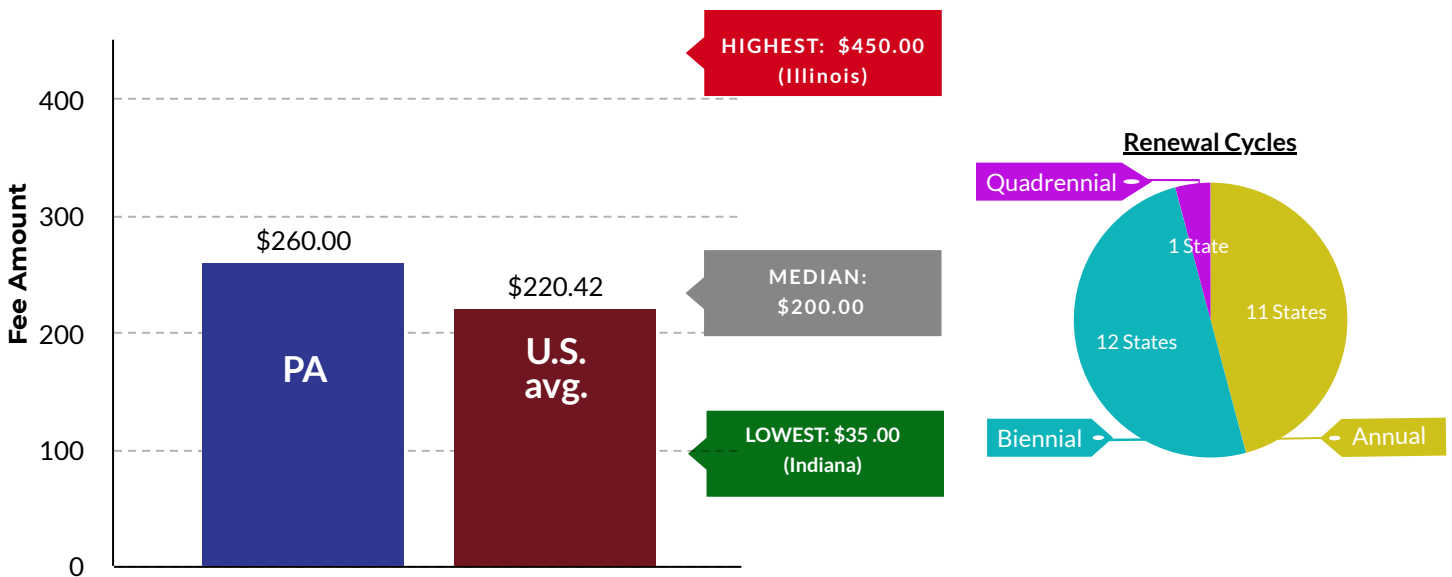
# Auctioneer

## Initial Licensing Fee



\* Initial licensing fee comparison excludes examination fees, background check fees, and finger printing fees.

## Renewal Fees



\*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles

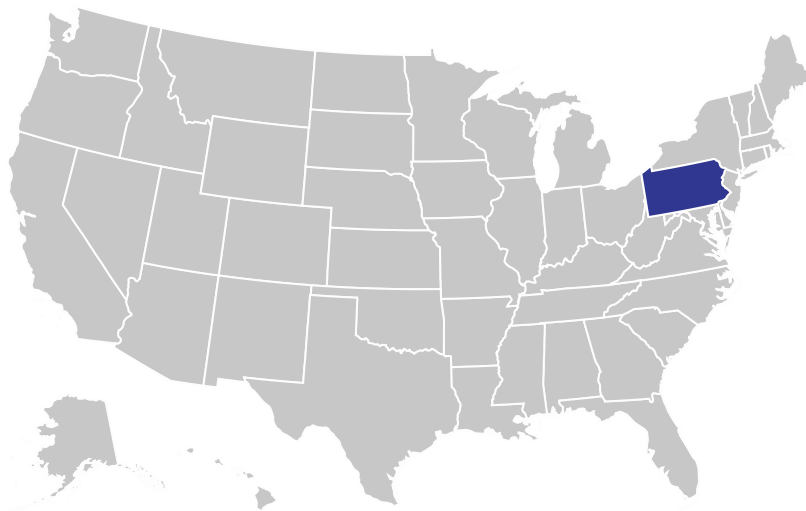
# Auctioneer

## States with Reciprocity or Endorsement

<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Reciprocity</u>		<u>Not Specified in Legislation</u>
Vermont	Alabama	New Hampshire	Maine
	Arkansas	North Carolina	North Dakota
	Florida	Ohio	Washington
	Georgia	Pennsylvania**	
	Illinois	South Carolina	
	Indiana	Tennessee	
	Kentucky	Texas	
	Louisiana	Virginia	
	Massachusetts	West Virginia	
	Mississippi	Wisconsin	

\*\*Act 41, signed by Governor Wolf on July 2, 2019, allows for portability of out-of-state professional licensees coming to work in Pennsylvania. Act 41 does this by granting all boards and commissions within the Commonwealth the authority to immediately endorse licensees from other states, territories or jurisdictions (with substantially equivalent licensing requirements) who are active, in good standing and without discipline against their license or criminal conviction. If a licensee comes from a jurisdiction that does not have substantially equal requirements for licensure, then the boards/commissions may grant a provisional licenses for a period of such time to allow the new resident to meet the necessary requirements, allowing them access to gainful employment in the interim.

# Trading Assistant



Pennsylvania is the only state that regulates Trading Assistants in the United States. Therefore, there is no comparable data on this occupation for the United States.

**Trading Assistant**-An individual who, for a commission or fee, conducts or intends to conduct a business within this Commonwealth of selling, or offering to sell, the personal property of another through an online trading assistant consignment sale transaction, or who performs, or offers to perform, any of the functions or activities requiring registration under section 5.1(a) of the Auctioneer Licensing and Trading Assistant Registration Act.

The text of the Act can be found at the following link:

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2016&sessInd=0&act=88>

# Observation Section

## Apprentice Auctioneer

- **AL, KY, PA:** These states do not require a degree, but applicant must have obtained schooling from an auctioneer school.
- **LA:** Beginning in 2010, this state no longer requires continuing education. This state does not renew apprentice auctioneers.
- **TN:** This state requires a high school diploma or GED and schooling from an auctioneer school.
- **WV:** This state requires a 2 year long apprenticeship unless the applicant attended a nationally accredited graduate school of auctioneering then the apprenticeship length is only 6 months.

## Auctioneer

- **AL:** This state requires either the completion of auctioneer school and a 1 year apprenticeship or the completion of a 2 year apprenticeship.
- **FL, IN, LA, MA, ND, PA, TN, VA, WI:** These states do not require a degree, but schooling from an auctioneer school is required.
  - In Pennsylvania, the prescribed course of study in auctioneering shall consist of 20 credit hours of instruction in the following areas of study: Audience communications, Procurement of merchandise for auction, Appraisal, Auction law, Preparation for auction, and Conducting an auction
- **GA, KY, MS, TX:** These states require a high school diploma and schooling from an auctioneer school.
- **NH:** This state requires either the completion of auctioneer school or the completions of a 6 month apprenticeship.
- **NC:** This state requires either the completion of auctioneer school or the completions of a 2 year apprenticeship.
- **SC and VT:** These states require either the completion of auctioneer school or the completion of a 1 year apprenticeship.
- **WV:** This state requires either the completion of auctioneer school and a 6 month apprenticeship or the completion of a 2 year apprenticeship.

## Trading Assistant

- Only Pennsylvania licenses this occupation.

# Sources: State Licensing Boards

**Alabama**  
<http://www.auctioneer.state.al.us/>

**Alaska**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**Arizona**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**Arkansas**  
<https://www.aralb.com/>

**California**  
This state issues business licenses for auctioneers, but not occupational licenses.

**Colorado**  
This state issues business licenses for auctioneers, but not occupational licenses.

**Connecticut**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**Delaware**  
This state issues business licenses for auctioneers, but not occupational licenses.

**District of Columbia**  
This state issues business licenses for auctioneers, but not occupational licenses.

**Florida**  
<http://www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/auctioneers/>

**Georgia**  
<https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/9>

**Hawaii**  
This state issues business licenses for auctioneers, but not occupational licenses.

**Idaho**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**Illinois**  
<https://idfpr.com/profs/auctioneers.asp>

**Indiana**  
<https://www.in.gov/pla/auction.htm>

**Iowa**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**Kansas**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**Kentucky**  
<https://auctioneers.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

**Louisiana**  
<http://www.lalb.org/licensing.php>

**Maine**  
<https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/auctioneers/index.html>

**Maryland**  
Auctioneers licensed at the municipality level.

**Massachusetts**  
<https://www.mass.gov/auctioneer-licensing>

**Michigan**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**Minnesota**  
Auctioneers licensed at the municipality level.

**Mississippi**  
<https://www.auctioneers.ms.gov/>

**Missouri**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**Montana**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**Nebraska**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**Nevada**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**New Hampshire**  
<http://sos.nh.gov/auctioneers.aspx>

**New Jersey**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**New Mexico**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**New York**  
Auctioneers licensed at the municipality level.

**North Carolina**  
<http://www.ncalb.org/>

**North Dakota**  
<https://psc.nd.gov/public/laws/lawsauctions.php>

**Ohio**  
<https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/programs/auctioneers/home/>

**Oklahoma**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**Oregon**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**Pennsylvania**  
<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/AuctioneerExaminers/Pages/default.aspx>

**Rhode Island**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state as of 2015.

**South Carolina**  
<https://llr.sc.gov/auc/pub.aspx>

**South Dakota**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**Tennessee**  
<https://www.tn.gov/commerce/regboards/auctioneers>

**Texas**  
<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/auc/auction.htm>

**Utah**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.

**Vermont**  
<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/professional-regulation/list-of-professions/auctioneers.aspx>

**Virginia**  
<http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/Boards/Auctioneers/>

**Washington**  
<https://www.dol.wa.gov/business/auctioneers/>

**West Virginia**  
<https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/executive/Pages/Auctioneers.aspx>

**Wisconsin**  
<https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/Auctioneer/Default.aspx>

**Wyoming**  
Auctioneers are not licensed in this state.