



## NAJC Beis Midrash/Metivta/Yeshiva/Kollel Equivalency APPLICATION

### Educational Pre-Requisite for NAJC Certification

Have completed an undergraduate degree from a college, university, or theological school accredited by a member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEEA) and a graduate-level theological education degree from a college, university or theological school accredited by a member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The official standards of Recognition Accreditation will provide complete details.

- Bachelor's Degree from an institution of higher education whose accreditation is recognized by the Council of Higher Education (CHEA).
- Graduate Theological Education Degree, through participation in a program of education or instruction through a university whose accreditation is recognized by the Council of Higher Education (CHEA) totaling a minimum of 72 semester hours.

As it is common for Jewish graduate learning to take place outside of the context of the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree, NAJC also recognizes graduate degrees in Jewish Studies, Rabbinics, Talmudic Studies, Jewish Education, Jewish Community Service, Masters of Hebrew Letters, Jewish Sacred Music, and Hebrew Bible as meeting the requirement for a graduate degree in a Jewish subject matter when granted by an academic institution whose accreditation is recognized by CHEA.

Graduate degrees from CHEA recognized institutions of higher education that are in a related subject area described above may be approved at the discretion of the NAJC Certification Committee or their appointed representatives.

Recognition of graduate education from a non-CHEA recognized institution of higher education may be considered through petition for an Alternative Evaluation.

### Instructions

- Fill out the NAJC Orthodox *Yeshiva/Mesivta/Metivta/Kollel* Form.
  - Complete each section according to the instructions, including all requested information.
  - Any section that does not apply or that you do not use should be marked as N/A (Not Applicable).
  - Supporting documentation is may be required to grant an equivalency. In each section, indicate the corresponding document you are submitting.
- Submit the documentation indicated in the sections below to apply for an equivalency.
- Upload NAJC Orthodox *Yeshiva/Mesivta/Metivta/Kollel* Form and all supporting documentation to your equivalency portal in member365.

### Candidate Planning Rubric for Requesting Equivalencies for Learning in Orthodox *Yeshiva/Mesivta/Metivta/Kollel*

Criteria	YES	NO	?	#
Requesting Bachelor's Degree Equivalency Using Equivalency by Transcript	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Semester Hours Requested Using Transcript			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Requesting Master's Degree Equivalency Using Equivalency by Transcript	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Semester Hours Requested Using Transcript			<input type="checkbox"/>	
I have <i>Yoreh Yoreh</i> semicha in <i>Issur V'heter</i> , also occasionally referred to as <i>Issur V'heter</i> or <i>Heter Hora'ah</i> semicha. NAJC has determined that <i>Yoreh Yoreh</i> semicha in <i>Issur V'heter</i> meets or exceeds the Bachelor's Degree and Graduate Theological Education pre-requisites for a Board Certified Chaplain. If you meet this requirement. Please check this box and submit the completed form with a copy of the <i>teudat semicha</i> of your <i>Yoreh Yoreh</i> semicha in <i>Issur V'heter</i> or a copy of the <i>klaf</i> of your <i>Yoreh Yoreh</i> semicha in <i>Issur V'heter</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
I graduated from the Rabbinical College of America (RCA-Chabad). The Rabbinical College of America is an accredited institution for higher education in the United States. No equivalency is required.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please indicate that you graduated from an RCA-Chabad bachelor's and/or master's program on your application.				
I am a <i>Regular Member</i> of the Rabbinical Council of America (RCA). NAJC has determined that the requirements for Regular Membership of the RCA meet or exceed the Bachelor's Degree and Graduate Theological Education pre-requisites for a Board Certified Chaplain. If you meet this requirement. Please check this box and submit the completed form and a your documentation of current Regular Member status with the Rabbinical Council of America.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
I have <i>Yoreh Deah</i> semicha, and spent at least six years (for at least five hours a day) of post-high school learning in a traditional <i>beit midrash/ yeshiva/mesivta/metivta/kollel</i> setting. NAJC has determined that <i>Yoreh Deah</i> semicha in conjunction with a minimum of six years (for at least five hours a day) of post-high school learning in a traditional <i>beit midrash/ yeshiva/mesivta/metivta/kollel</i> setting meets or exceeds the Bachelor's Degree and Graduate Theological Education pre-requisites for a Board Certified Chaplain. If you meet this requirement, please check this box and submit the completed form with a copy of your <i>Yoreh Deah teudat semicha</i> and a document indicating learning in a traditional <i>beit midrash/ yeshiva/mesivta/metivta/kollel</i> setting for a minimum of 6-years post-high school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Candidate Planning Rubric for Requesting Equivalencies for Learning in Orthodox *Yeshiva/Mesivta/Metivta/Kollel***

Criteria	YES	NO	?	#
I have <i>Yoreh Deah</i> semicha and did not spend at least six years (for at least five hours a day) of post-high school learning in a traditional <i>beit midrash/ yeshiva/mesivta/metivta/kollel</i> setting. You will need to document your learning in requesting a Bachelor's Degree and/or Graduate Theological Education pre-requisites for a Board Certified Chaplain. Below, please complete the Orthodox <i>Yeshiva/Mesivta/Metivta/Kollel</i> Equivalency Worksheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
I have spent at least seven years (for at least five hours a day) of post-high school learning in a traditional <i>beit midrash/ yeshiva/mesivta/metivta/kollel</i> setting and I do not have <i>Yoreh Deah, Yoreh Yoreh</i> in <i>Issur V'heter</i> , or <i>Yadin Yadin</i> . You will need to document your learning in requesting a Bachelor's Degree and/or Graduate Theological Education pre-requisites for a Board Certified Chaplain. Below, please complete the Orthodox <i>Yeshiva/Mesivta/Metivta/Kollel</i> Equivalency Worksheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Orthodox *Yeshiva/Mesivta/Metivta/Kollel* Equivalency Worksheet**

Please Check Any of the Following that Apply	YES	NO	?	#
I have <i>Yoreh Deah</i> semicha and can submit my <i>teudat semicha</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	36
I can lead davening for <i>ma'ariv, shachris, and mincha</i> on <i>chol</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
I can lead davening for <i>ma'ariv, shachris, and mincha</i> on <i>Shabbos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
I can lead davening for <i>ma'ariv, shachris, and mincha</i> on <i>Shelosh Regalim</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
I can lead davening for <i>ma'ariv, shachris, and mincha</i> on <i>Yamim Noraim</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3

I can <i>lein Torah</i> with <i>ta'amei haMikra</i> (tropes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
I know <i>ta'amei haMikra</i> (tropes) for <i>haftarah</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
I know <i>ta'amei haMikra</i> (tropes) for the <i>megilot</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
I know <i>ta'amei haMikra</i> (tropes) for the <i>Yamim Noraim</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
I can read and translate Hebrew from the <i>Siddur</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
I can read and translate Hebrew from the <i>Chumash</i> well enough to teach at the day school/ <i>Chinuch</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15
I am a member of the <i>Chevra Kadisha</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
I have studied the laws of <i>Aveilus</i> , Burial and Bereavement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
I have attended shiurim (online or in person) on Jewish medical ethics and/or bioethics for at least 18 hours.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Using the number associated with each box for which you checked "yes," calculate the total number of points and enter it into the grey box on the right.				Click or tap here to enter text.
Record the total <i>zmanim</i> that you spent learning a minimum of 5 hours a day in a traditional learning setting post-high school. For example, if you spent 1 year in yeshiva post-high school learning for a minimum of 5 hours a day during <i>Elul</i> , <i>choref</i> , and <i>kayitz zmanim</i> , you will enter "3" in the box.				Click or tap here to enter text.
Multiply your answer in the box above by 11 and enter this new number in the grey box on the right. For example, if you entered "3" above, you will now enter "33." This will enter the total number of <i>zmanim</i> credit hours applied towards your equivalency application.				Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Total the numbers in the two grey boxes above</b> and enter the number in the box to the right. This will be the total number of hours available for NAJC to use to equivalency a Bachelor's and/or Master's Degree.				Click or tap here to enter text.

**Please Upload This Form to Your Portal on Member365**