

# Candidate Decision Tree

For Yeshiva, Mesivta, Semicha, and Kollel Learners



Use this guide to determine which pathway applies to you.

**Step 1** Did you complete Jewish learning primarily in a yeshiva, mesivta, metivta, or kollel setting?

**Yes** Continue to Step 2

**No** Use standard Degree Equivalency or Credit for Prior Learning pathways

**Step 2** Do you hold Yoreh Yoreh or Yoreh Deah semicha?

**Yes** Continue to Step 3

**No** Continue to Step 4

**Step 3** Did you complete at least six years of post high school Jewish learning with an average of five or more hours per day?

**Yes** Your learning meets or exceeds bachelor's and graduate degree requirements

**No** Complete the Orthodox Yeshiva, Mesivta, Metivta, and Kollel Equivalency Worksheet

Submit documentation only

No equivalency worksheet required

**Step 4** Do you have extensive yeshiva or kollel learning but no qualifying semicha?

**Yes** Complete the Orthodox Yeshiva, Mesivta, Metivta, and Kollel Equivalency Worksheet

**No** Contact the Certification Commission Chair for guidance before submitting an application

**Step 5** Are you seeking equivalency for a graduate theological degree?

**Yes** You must demonstrate at least forty graduate level credit hours in Jewish subject matter

**No** Contact the Certification Commission Chair for guidance before submitting an application

Learning may be documented through yeshiva or kollel study

**Step 6** Submit documentation

- Completed equivalency worksheet when required
- Supporting documentation and attestations
- Upload all materials to Member365

Final determinations are made by the NAJC Certification Commission or its appointed Equivalency Committee.