



# Licensure Update

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# Recent Changes and Current Topics

- Reciprocity and Educator Licenses with Stipulations
- Short Term Approval For Teachers At All Grade Levels
- PD Administrator Academies
- Evaluator Trainings / Retrainings
- ELIS and ISBE
- Basic Skills Test
- License Renewal 2019
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# Reciprocity / Provisional Licenses

- Effective July 1, 2018
  - Total reciprocity for Out-of-State and Out-of-Country
    - Bachelors Degree or Higher, if required
    - Valid Out-of-State Certificate / License
    - Out-of-Country – Must indicate “Educator” on Evaluation
    - No Testing or Additional Coursework Requirements
    - If no Out-of-State License, Must meet All Illinois Requirements
    - No Provisional Licenses Issued

# Educator Licenses with Stipulations

- Teachers Completing Educator Prep Programs in Illinois
  - Entitlement
    - Pre-Completion Status – PEL During Program
    - Completed Program Status - PEL Upon Completion of Program
    - Provisional Entitlement if edTPA attempted, but not Passed
      - edTPA Must Have Acceptable Score
- New – All approvals except STE's and STA's will be issued as endorsements
  - ELIS not yet Programmed

# Short Term Approval for Teachers At All Grade Levels

- Formerly known as “Authorization to Employ Educator in Position Otherwise Unfilled”
  - Inability to Fill the Position with a Fully Qualified Individual
  - Valid for Three Years
  - Requires:
    - 9 Semester Hours in Subject Area: or
    - Subject Area Test
  - District Must File Form 73-96 With ROE/ISC Within 5 Days
  - Individual Able to Apply for the STA without a School District
- NO STA’S FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION OR DRIVER’S EDUCATION

# PD / Administrator Academies

- PD Screens are Not Calculating Properly – ELIS Glitch
- Reduction in PD Hour Requirements for Teachers with Advanced Degrees Through 2019
- Administrator Academies
  - Evaluation Must be Completed BEFORE AA credit Given
- SSP's – All IDFPR or National Licenses Meet Renewal Requirements

# Evaluator Trainings

- Growth Through Learning Evaluator Modules
  - ISBE Did Not Renew GTL Contract
  - All Modules Had To Be Completed by December 31, 2018
- New Two-Day Administrator Academy Required for New Evaluators
  - Teacher Evaluator Academy Now Available – Academy Still Being Tweaked
  - Principal Evaluator Academy Expected March, 2019
- Evaluator Training and Retraining Now Displayed in ELIS

# Evaluator Retraining

- Part 50 Illinois Administrative Rules
  - Based on When the Initial Modules/Trainings were Completed
  - Retraining Academies Required During First Full 5 Year Renewal Cycle After Initial Trainings
    - Professional Practice
    - Student Growth
  - Will Count for Annual Administrator Academy Requirement
  - Cannot Evaluate Staff After PEL Renewal if Not Completed



# ELIS and ISBE

- Current Glitches
  - PD – Administrator Academies
    - Not always posting due to IWAS problems
  - Payments
  - Printing Credential Pages
- Timelines
  - Subs and Paras – 1 week
  - All other Apps – 8 weeks if everything on file
  - Open Queues – Greater than 9 months
  - Refunds and Payment Glitch Corrections – 3 months
- Able to Request Rush if Job Dependent

# ELIS

- Works Best with a PC in:
  - Internet Explorer
  - Firefox
  - Chrome
  - Safari
- DO NOT USE
  - Tablets
  - Workbooks
  - Phones

# Basic Skills Test

- Teach Illinois Recommendation
- No Requirement for Basic Skills Test for Individuals who already Possess a Bachelor's Degree
  - TENTATIVELY will be discontinued on June 30, 2019
  - Ongoing Discussions with Higher Ed
  - Will Still Accept ACT or SAT Scores

# License Renewal 2019

- PEL's and CTE's April 1, 2019
  - Educators who hold Both a PEL and CTE
    - Only Required to Complete the PD for the License that Employed on
    - ISBE is Working to Program ELIS to Recognize Glitch
  - Once License Renewal is Completed, can begin to count PD for Next Renewal Cycle – No Double Dipping
  - Educators working in Public Schools During Any Portion of their Renewal Cycle Must Renew by August 31<sup>st</sup> or License will Lapse on September 1st

# License Renewal 2019 Cont.

- ELS - PARA's – April 15, 2019 We Believe
  - \$25 Registration Fee Prior to July 1 (2024) ???
  - \$30 Registration Fee Beginning July 1 (2025) ???
- Substitute Licenses – May 1, 2019 We Believe
  - \$50 Registration Fee Prior to July 1 (2024) ???
  - \$60 Registration Fee Beginning July 1 (2025) ???
- Two Step Process
  - Renewal Wizard
  - Register Wizard
- PARA's and Subs Do Not Lapse

# Substitute Licenses

- Educators with Lapsed Licenses Can Now Qualify
- Requires a Bachelors Degree
  - Anyone who holds ANY type of License (Including a PARA) Who Also Holds a Bachelors Degree Can Work as a Substitute Teacher without the Substitute License
- New Short Term Substitute Teaching License
  - 60 semester hours
  - Can teach no more than 5 consecutive days per licensed teacher under contract
  - Requires Training
  - All Licenses Expire June 30, 2023 Regardless of Date of Issuance
  - Cannot Use to Work as a PARA

# Qualifications

- Primary
  - Valid for Grade Level and Formal Training in Each Subject Taught
- Middle Grade
  - Prior to 1997
  - July 1, 1997 through January 31, 2018
  - February 1, 2018
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Split Assignments
- High School
  - Prior to 1986
  - Through June 30, 2004
  - July 1, 2004

# Illinois Administrative Rules

- Part 1 – Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision
  - Requirements for Assignments
    - 1.630 PARA's
    - 1.705 Supervisory and Administrative Staff
    - 1.710 Elementary
    - 1.720 Middle Grades
    - 1.730 Secondary Teachers
    - 1.745 Reading Teachers and Reading Specialists
    - 1.755 - 1.783 – LIS, SLP, Special Ed, Bilingual, ESL, Administrators of Bilingual Programs
    - 1.790 Substitute Teachers



# Illinois Administrative Rules

- Part 25 – Educator Licensure Requirements
- Part 50 – Evaluation of Educator Licensed Employees Under Article 24A and 34 of the School Code
- Part 226 – Special Education
- Part 227 – Gifted Education
- Part 228 – Transitional Bilingual Education

# Illinois School Code

- Article 21B Educator Licensure
  - 21B-15 – Qualifications
  - 21B-20 – Types of Licenses
  - 21B-25 – Endorsements on Licenses
  - 21B-30 – Educator Testing
  - 21B-35 – Minimum Requirements for Educators Trained in Other States or Other Countries
  - 21B-40 – Fees
  - 21B-45 – Professional Educator License Renewal

Q & A and Thank You