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How to Apply for a Professional Educator License

(Non-entitlement)

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Educator is not currently eligible for public school employment.

Apply for Credential

- Professional Educator License (PEL)
- Substitute License (SUB)
- Short-Term Substitute License (STS)
- Paraprofessional License (Teacher's Aide)
- Career and Technical Educator Endorsement (CTE)
- Transitional Bilingual Educator Endorsement (TBE)
- Visiting International Educator Endorsement (VIT)
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Select "Professional Educator License (PEL)."

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PEL - Professional Educator License Application

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Which area of licensure are you interested in receiving on your Professional Educator License?

- Teaching
- School Support Personnel
- Administrative

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Select the area of licensure for which you are applying. Click "Next" when finished.

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Transcripts Out of State Certificates

Enter Transcript Information

Illinois State University, Illinois	On Record
Heartland Community College, Illinois	On Record

Enter Transcript Information

Please select the country, state, name and degree (if applicable) for the institution from which you will be sending official transcripts.

Country: United States State: Illinois

Institution: Other Institution Name: _____

Degree: Bachelors

Cancel + Add

Heartland Community College, Illinois On Record

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If you have transcripts already on file, they will be listed on this page. You can click “Next” at this point. However, if you do not have any transcripts on file, you will need to add the transcript information on this screen. Click on “Enter Transcript Information” and enter your institution’s information then click “Add.” Click “Next” when finished.

The screenshot displays the 'PEL - Professional Educator License Application' interface. At the top, a progress bar shows four steps: 'Area of Licensure' (completed), 'Transcripts' (current), 'Legal Questions', and 'Submit Payment'. Under the 'Transcripts' step, the 'Out of State Certificates' tab is active. A central graphic shows a certificate icon with a blue ribbon and a button labeled 'Add an Out of State Certificate'. A modal window titled 'Add an Out of State Certificate' is open, featuring a 'Certificate' field with a 'Browse' button, a 'Country' dropdown set to 'United States', and a 'State' dropdown set to 'Alabama'. At the bottom of the modal are 'Cancel' and '+ Add' buttons. The main interface has 'Previous', 'Cancel', and 'Next' buttons at the bottom. Three red arrows highlight the 'Add an Out of State Certificate' button, the modal window, and the 'Next' button.

Illinois offers full reciprocity. If you hold a valid, comparable out-of-state license, enter that information here.
Click on the “Out-of-State Certificates” tab, then select “Add an Out-of-State Certificate” in the middle of the screen.
You can upload a copy of the certificate by clicking “Browse.” When done, click “Add.”
When finished uploading your document, click “Next.”

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Please answer the following required questions of the Criminal History Disclosure Statement.

- Yes No Has your license or certificate (teaching, administrative, school support, etc.) ever been formally denied, suspended, or revoked in Illinois or any other state?
- Yes No Have you ever been convicted of a felony in Illinois or any other state, or are you subject to pending criminal charges for a felony in Illinois or any other state? *(You are not obligated to disclose sealed and expunged records of a conviction or an arrest. If unsure, you may seek legal counsel or contact ISBE for further information. Failure to accurately disclose this information may result in application denial or licensure sanction.)*
- Yes No Have you ever been convicted of any sex, narcotic, or drug offense in Illinois or any other state, or are you subject to pending criminal charges for any sex, narcotics, or drug offense (whether felony or misdemeanor) in Illinois or any other state? *(You are not obligated to disclose sealed and expunged records of a conviction or an arrest. If unsure, you may seek legal counsel or contact ISBE for further information. Failure to accurately disclose this information may result in application denial or licensure sanction.)*
- Yes No Have you failed to (a)file an Illinois tax return, (b)pay the interest, penalty, or tax shown on an Illinois filed return, or (c)pay any final assessment of interest, penalty, or tax as required by law and administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue which was not subsequently resolved to the Department's satisfaction?
- Yes No Have you ever been indicated as a perpetrator of child abuse or neglect by a state agency responsible for child welfare? *(Note: You must answer "Yes" to this question even if the report was removed from the State Central register due to expiration of the retention period, but you may answer "No" to this question if the finding was reversed on appeal.)*
- Yes No Are you currently more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order? *No, I am not more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order. I certify under penalty of perjury that this information is true and correct. I understand that failure to respond to this question may result in disciplinary action and that making a false statement with regard to this question may subject me to disciplinary action and contempt of court. Yes, I am currently more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order.*
- Yes No I certify, under penalty of loss of my right to teach or work in the schools of Illinois, the answers to these questions are true and correct in every respect.

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Answer each of the background questions as they apply to you. The last question must be answered "Yes" as this verifies you have answered the background questions truthfully. When finished, click "Next."

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Please review the information below. Once you have reviewed the information, click "Submit Payment." By clicking "Submit Payment," you are electronically signing this application and authorizing the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to charge your credit card for the listed application amount. **Refund requests can only be considered for applications that are still in Pending status AND the request is received within 7 days of the application date. ISBE form 95-10 must be used to request a refund.**

Name	
Birth Date	
Amount	\$150.00
License	PEL - Professional Educator License

Once you click "Submit Payment" you will be redirected to a payment processing page. Once your payment information has been entered, you will be redirected back to this page to complete the application process. Do NOT close this window until you receive your confirmation.

*A non-refundable convenience fee will be added by NCR Corporation, a third party processing company, and will appear as a separate charge on your credit card statement.

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If you're using a prepaid card, ensure that the card balance covers both the application fee and the processing fee.**

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You have successfully applied for a *Professional Educator License (PEL)*.

All materials should be sent to:

Illinois State Board of Education
Educator Licensure Department
100 North First Street, E-240
Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001

OR

Your local Region Office of Education (ROE).
Find your local ROE [here](#).

Your application will not be evaluated until all required supplemental documents (e.g. transcripts, forms) have been received. Visit www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure-Requirements to view requirements for your application.

To check the status of this application, please sign into your ELIS account and click *My Credentials*.

Once the review is complete, you will receive an e-mail indicating your status. All evaluations are valid for two fiscal years.

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