



# Illinois State Board of Education

## Professional Educator License Renewal Versus National Board Certification Renewal FAQ

### **How often do I need to renew my Professional Educator License (PEL)?**

Your PEL should be renewed every five years in your ELIS account. This renewal is separate from National Board Certification renewal.

### **How often do I need to renew my National Board Certification?**

Starting renewal year July 1, 2020, all National Board Certified teachers will need to renew their certification every five years. For example, an educator who renews their National Board Certification on October 1, 2020, will be due to renew again in five years.

### **How does renewal of my National Board Certification affect my PEL renewal?**

National Board Certification renewal is separate from PEL renewal. An educator must renew each individual certification and license separately. Each renewal process has different requirements.

Please see below for PEL renewal requirements.

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Professional-Development-for-Educators.aspx>

Please see below for National Board Certification renewal requirements.

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/National-Board-Certified-Teachers.aspx>

### **Does holding National Board Certification effect my professional development hour requirement?**

Yes. A National Board Certificate holder receives a reduction in professional development hours if their National Board Certificate is valid. An educator receives a 60-hour professional development reduction in total hours required for each PEL renewal cycle. Educators must enter "National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification" on their professional development page with start and end dates within their current PEL cycle.