

Illinois State Board of Education
IACTE Meeting Question and Answers

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Licensure

1. Q: How long will it take for edTPA scores to be entered in ELIS so candidates can register their licenses right after entitlement?

A: EdTPA scores are sent in electronic batches to ISBE 1-2 times per month. Once batch files are sent to the office, the administrator then must initiate the upload of the file into ELIS accounts. This process is manual and is usually done within a few days of the receipt of the electronic batch. Additional delays of posting can occur when names do not match with ELIS accounts.

2. Q: What is the current pass rate on edTPA?

A: 2016-2017 edTPA pass rates are as follows:

Rubric 13=96%

Rubric 15=99%

Rubric 18=96%

3. Q: What is the current conversion for PD per semester hours?

A: 1 Semester Hour of coursework on a transcript= 15 PD hours

4. Q: Is the 77-21B required for coursework completed through approved IL program providers or IL community colleges and junior colleges?

A: The 71-21B form is used to certify that a professional development activity was completed. This form will be distributed by the provider and should be kept by the educator. This form does not need to be submitted to ISBE unless an audit takes place.

5. Q: Can fee reports be made available again for ROE use?

A: Not at this time. To request a feature in ELIS, please submit your request in writing as an enhancement opportunity. Email the request with a screenshot and detailed description to your ISBE liaison.

6. Q: Is the ETS/Praxis Paraprofessional Assessment equivalent to the WorkKeys Paraprofessional Test?

A: Yes, both are acceptable assessments for issuance of the paraprofessional teaching license.

7. Q: Do links on the ISBE website regarding license requirements stay the same, and may it be assumed that the information and content at those links will be updated?

A: Website links will remain the same. If any broken links are found, please notify your liaison of the content you were trying to access and a copy of the link.

8. Q: May institutions be given permissions to make name changes on ELIS to prevent confusion and matching problems?

A: Not at this time. To request a feature in ELIS, please submit your request in writing as an enhancement opportunity. Email the request with a screenshot, detailed description to your ISBE liaison.

9. Q: May a how-to video on entitlement be created to assist LO's in their work?

A: Currently a "Best Practices" webinar is available on our website at the following link that provides guidance in the entitlement process. <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Licensure-Officers.aspx>

10. Q: What is the renewal period for an ELS-PCTE?

A: Per 105 ILCS 5/21B-20(2)(F), "the educator license with stipulations endorsed for provisional career and technical educator shall be renewed once only for a five-year period"

11. Q: Is there a limit as to how many times an educator can use the \$500 fee for a lapsed license?

A: No, educators may reinstate there license multiple times.

12. Q: If it has been more than three weeks since an ACT was submitted, what should the candidate do?

A: At this time, test scores such as the ACT are being posted to accounts within a month of the time they are submitted. If scores have not been posted within that time frame, educators may contact ISBE at licensure@isbe.net or by calling 217-557-6763.

13. Q: May a candidate complete the registration of their new license without having the IHE send an official transcript to ELIS/ISBE?

A: Yes, institutions are not required to submit transcripts to ISBE as part of the entitlement process.

14. Q: May a candidate who did not pass the APT test be given an ELS (PIDU)?

A: No, the PIDU may only be entered as an entitlement if the candidate fails the edTPA no more than 3 points below the cut score.

15. Q: Can ISBE allow institutions to add ACT scores to ELIS in the interest of saving time and money, which ISBE can then check for accuracy during Entitlement Audits?

A: Not at this time, original ACT scores must be submitted to ISBE (or an ROE) for upload into a candidates ELIS account.

Entitlement Audit

16. Q: At the time of entitlement, should IHEs upload transcripts for the teaching candidate?

A: It is not required but recommended.

17. Q: When verifying preparation (completed program, tests, etc.), does ISBE prefer that we use the date the test is *taken* or the date it is *posted* as the passing date?

A: The test posted date would be the preferable date to use. Institutions should be verifying the completion of the test by its posting in ELIS prior to entitling regardless of the date the test was taken.

18. Q: When do cooperating teacher information and field logs get entered for inclusion with the Entitlement Audits?

A: These documents would be added at the time the institution has been notified of its inclusion of the audit.

Legislation/Administrative Rules

19. Q: If a teacher received their license before the Basic Skills test was required, do they need to take that test before renewing their license?

A. The basic skills test is not a requirement to renew a license.

20. Q: What is the timeline for completing and entering PD before renewal?

A: Currently professional development must be entered in ELIS on/before September 1, 2018 for those educators that have licenses that are up for renewal this year. .

21. Q: Is there any consideration for accepting a Bachelor's degree in lieu of the Test of Basic Skills, especially for those changing careers to teaching?

A: The basic skills requirements are currently part of the Year of Study, determinations may be made proceeding this time.

22. Q: May a school social worker obtain the Director of Special Education endorsement?

A: Yes, per IAC 25.365(c)(1).