



# Illinois State Board of Education

## Part 25 Rule Updates

**effective: June 3, 2021**

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# Objective

- To review the latest changes to Part 25 licensure
- To help licensure officers understand how the changes affect IL educator preparation candidates and entitlement.

# Making Changes to Part 25

Part 25 generally opens for changes once per year. The reasons for the most recent changes include:

- Basic clean-up
- Feedback from stakeholders
- Providing greater hiring flexibility for high need areas
- Promoting individualized licensure pathways- combination of coursework and experiences
- Aligning to legislation/public acts/school code which are already in effect



# 25.25 PEL Requirements

Explicitly states that a combination of coursework and experiences can be used by Illinois programs to meet 32 semester hour program requirement.

- Supports the recent addition of [ISBE FORM 83-85- Verification of Individualized Pathways](#).

Adds English language proficiency component- educators must pass ELP or have a degree from an IHE where English was the mode of instruction

- Applicable to those out of state/country educators seeking an IL PEL (PA 101-0643/ Code Section 21B-35).

States that one year of teaching experience on an approval (i.e. the new content expertise Short Term Approval 25.430) can waive student teaching or internship

- This aligns to the new approvals added in section 25.430 and 25.432; more info will be shared in the slides that follow.

New definition for “an approval”

- Rules never defined “approval”. Now defined as a credential valid for serving in a specific education area and grade range. Approvals can be issued on an existing educator license or may stand alone, as applicable to the particular approval.



# 25.48 Short Term Emergency Approval in Special Education

## Learning Behavior Specialist I (LBSI)

**No Change, already in rule prior to 2021**

Valid PEL for teaching or TBE

Coursework in Exceptional Child and 1 additional area for LBSI endorsement

ISBE FORM 73-86

## Early Childhood Special Education

Valid PEL for early childhood or LBSI

2 of 4 areas of coursework for ECT approval

Early Childhood Special Ed content test

Statement of Assurance

## Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Valid PEL for teaching or TBE

5 areas of coursework

Proficiency in sign language

Deaf and Hard of Hearing content test

Statement of Assurance

## Blind and Visually Impaired

Valid PEL for teaching or TBE

5 areas of coursework

Proficiency in Braille

Blind and Visually Impaired content test

Statement of Assurance

**Statement of Assurance:** supervision to be required by a DSE, all recruitment efforts exhausted, educator verification/intent to enroll in prep program

**Validity:** 3 years

**Availability:** Three new areas, available for application until June 30, 2023

**New Form:** 83-90



# 25.60 Alternative Programs

- Explicit allowance for virtual or in-person program coordinator visits
- Options for coursework and experience combination to equal 32 hours.
- 32 SH must be earned prior to issuance of PEL, not prior to program entry.
- At least 9 SH of content coursework required for entry into the program.
- For programs in science and social science, at least 18 of the 32 hours must be in the specific endorsement area (e.g. biology, political science)

# 25.99 Middle Grades

- Added provision for a person holding a MG endorsement to teach in a self-contained setting in grades 5-6
  - Required to have 6 SH in each subject to be taught on a transcript

# 25.100

- Re-added option for educators to add a second world language endorsement by passing the content test.
  - Example: Educator holds a World Language Spanish endorsement on a PEL and wants to add a World Language French endorsement. Educator needs to pass World Language French test (no additional coursework)
- Educators to add second science or social science endorsement by passing the content test OR 12 SH of coursework
  - Example: Educator has a Social Science- History endorsement on a PEL and wants to add Social Science- Political Science. Educator needs to pass Political Science test OR have 12SH of Political Science coursework
- Requirements for Dual Credit Endorsements added
  - 25.100 (j) summary: endorsements are valid for teaching dual credit in grades 11-12 but are not required to provide instruction for dual credit courses.





# 25.120 Prep Program Approval

- EPPs will explain how prior coursework and experience are evaluated for individualized licensure candidates in this program
- ISBE staff approves/denies programs in consultation with SEPLB



# 25.127 APR and Audits

- Program changes reviewed by ISBE staff only- no longer need to go to SEPLB- ISBE must respond within 30 days of receipt



# 25.165 Discontinuation of Programs

- Detailed teach-out plan required
- IEINs (rather than SSNs) of all candidates required
- If a program's reauthorization status is revoked, can reapply for program approval after 3 years

Reminder: a program with no new enrolled candidates for a consecutive three-year period shall be considered to have been discontinued by the State Board

# School Support Personnel (all sections)

- 25.215-25.262
- One year of experience on a comparable OOS license can be used in place of internship
  - includes experience earned on STA with a proficient or higher evaluation rating
- Clarifies requirements for IL approved programs vs. OOS programs
  - specific number of internship hours for IL programs only
  - specific courses for IL programs only



# 25.250/25.252 Speech Language Pathology

- Removes the “teaching” and “non-teaching” designations for new applications
- SLP PEL can be issued to individuals holding IDFPR license and CCC (no other requirements needed)
- Clarifies when the 150 clock hours of experience is needed



# 25.430 Short Term Approvals (STA)

## STA for Teachers at all grade levels

No change, already in Rule prior to 2021.

Holds a valid PEL in teaching

9SH of content coursework OR content test

Can be entitled by IHE or apply through ISBE

## STA for Individuals Who Do Not Hold a PEL

Does NOT hold a valid PEL

Bachelor's degree in content area or with 32 SH in content area

Content test

Statement of Assurance

New ISBE Form 83-88

**Statement of Assurance:** Assurances of enrollment/intent to enroll in prep program, mentoring, instructional coaching and supervision to be received, recruiting efforts exhausted

**Validity:** 3 years

**Availability:** Available for application until June 30, 2023



# 25.432 Short Term Approval For School Support Personnel

- STA for SSP who hold clinical licensure but no school experience.
- Applicable when a district need for short term authorization has arisen due to unforeseen departure of an employee who was fully qualified for the assignment.
- Available by application until June 30, 2023
- Validity: 3 fiscal years

## Requirements:

- Master's degree in area sought (Bachelor's for school nurse)
- State or national licensure for area sought (or application for temporary/permanent license for SLP)
- Content test
- **NEW ISBE Form 83-86**; which includes Statement of Assurance- including mentoring, supervision, and intent to enroll in prep program
- Applicants must earn ISBE IEP privilege designation within one year of earning the approval, or the approval will be changed to deficient.



# 25.720 Testing

- Removes APT option since it expired in August 2020
- Adds State and Global Seal of Biliteracy as option to waive test for world language and bilingual education endorsement—must obtain working fluency or higher on the Global Seal
- edTPA is waived anytime there is a public health emergency



# Resources

## Documents/Websites

- Licensure Officer Website
  - Part 25 Rules Summary
  - Part 25 ppt

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Licensure-Officers.aspx>

## Forms

- **83-82** Verification of Mentoring and Coaching
- **83-85** Individualized Pathways
- **73-86** Short-Term Emergency LBSI Approval
- **83-88** Short-Term Approval for Individuals That Do Not Hold a PEL
- **83-86** Short-Term Approval for School Support Personnel
- **83-90** Short-Term Approval for Early Childhood Special Ed, Blind/Visual Impaired, Deaf/Hard of Hearing

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