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Greetings

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide specialized information to Illinois educators, administrators, and regional office administration and personnel. By providing this newsletter to education stakeholders throughout the state of Illinois, we hope to develop a better informed workforce, foster a greater sense of community, and build morale among those who impact academic achievement. Most importantly, the aim is to improve the lives of Illinois students.

A Note Regarding Refunds

The Illinois State Board of Education will *only* make refunds to educators who were charged incorrectly in the Educator Information Licensure System (ELIS). We will no longer be issuing refunds for educators who apply for an incorrect endorsement, grade range, or license. We cannot apply application fees toward a new license (i.e., applicant applied for a substitute license but meant to apply for a paraprofessional license). Additionally, we will no longer be issuing refunds for educators who renew the incorrect license. It is the responsibility of the educator to correctly navigate his or her ELIS account.

Renewal and Registration Reminders

If you hold a Professional Educator License (PEL) or Educator License with Stipulations endorsed for Career and Technical Educator (ELS-CTE), and your renewal cycle expires on June 30, 2018, you must enter your Professional Development (PD) hours no later than August 31, 2018 and pay the applicable registration fee. If your PD is not entered, your license will lapse on September 1, 2018, and be invalid for employment. A \$500 penalty fee or completion of nine semester hours of specific coursework will be required to reinstate your license. Once your license has been renewed, it must also be registered. Failure to register your license before January 1 will cause your license to lapse.

Approved Administrator Academies Providers: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Administrator-Academies.aspx>

Approved Professional Development Providers: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/prof-dev-provider-list.pdf>

How to Record Professional Development Hours: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/record-prof-dev.pdf>

Professional Development Rollover

Beginning April 1, 2017, educators can carry over unused professional development hours completed between April 1 and June 30 of the final year of their renewal cycle to the next five-year renewal cycle. Educators should not record unused professional development in ELIS until July 1 of the next renewal cycle.

House Bill 5627

On June 29, 2018, Governor Bruce Rauner signed House Bill 5627, which will help to ease Illinois' teacher shortage. The signing of HB 5627 (now Public Act 100-0596) changed licensure requirements to make it easier for out-of-state, retired and substitute teachers to get certified to teach in Illinois. Some of the highlights of the bill include:

- Creating a "Short Term Substitute Teaching License" so people with either an associate degree or 60 hours of college credit can substitute teach.

ISBE Office Closings for Summer 2018

Independence Day: July 4, 2018
Labor Day: September 3, 2018

- Providing reciprocity for comparable and valid educator licenses from other states to increase Illinois access to educator talent from across the country.
- Allowing teachers with lapsed Professional Educator Licenses to qualify for a substitute teaching license.
- Increasing to 120 the number of days that retired teachers can substitute teach without jeopardizing retirement benefits.

Visit ISBE's Educator Effectiveness website at <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/pub-licacts/100/PDF/100-0596.pdf> for more information about the new requirements.

Rule Changes (Highlights)

25.15 Types of Licenses: Exchange

- Sub license renewal: Only a fee and application required. (Basic skills no longer required.)

25.25 Professional Educator License

- Removed 32-hour major or constructed major for out-of-state applicants. Educators' state-approved programs or out-of-state licenses will determine the content area and grade range of their Illinois licenses. Thirty-two hours is still required as part of a teaching preparation program for Illinois candidates.



- Clarifies that only one student teaching experience is required. Once an educator holds a PEL, under no circumstances will another student teaching experience ever be required.
- Clarifies that only one ELS-PEDU (provisional license) may be issued to educators who were prepared out of state. Additional endorsements issued on the license will carry the same expiration date as the license.
- Added requirements for obtaining an ELS-PIDU (in-state provisional educator): bachelor's degree; completion of approved program, including all licensure tests (except for edTPA); and have attempted the edTPA and have received a minimum score established by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB). License is valid one full fiscal year and cannot be renewed.

25.48 Short-term Emergency Approval in Special Education

- Extended approval to be issued until July 1, 2020. (Previous sunset date was September 1, 2018.)
- Allowed endorsement to be added to an ELS-PEDU (teaching) - no longer limited to a PEL.
- Removes requirement that an IHE must validate the educator's plan to complete coursework for the endorsement.
- Removes supervised clinical experience from requirements. Requirements now align completely with the LBS I endorsement requirements.
- Clarifies that if the approval is issued on an ELS-TBE, and the TBE expires, the educator must hold a valid ELS-PEDU or PEL to continue utilizing the approval.

25.70 Career and Technical Educator

- A test of work proficiency (ACT WorkKeys) can be used in place of a test of basic skills for license renewal for educators renewing in year 2021 and later. No test is required for renewals prior to 2021.

25.72 Provisional Career and Technical Educator

- A test of work proficiency can be used in place of a test of basic skills for license renewal for educators renewing in year 2021 and later. Twenty semester hours of coursework no longer needed for renewal. No test is required for renewals prior to 2021.

25.100 (k) Teaching Endorsements on the PEL (Safety and Driver's Education)

- New requirements
 - o 3 semester hours in injury prevention or general safety
 - o 9 semester hours in current driver's education areas
 - o 12 semester hours chosen from at least four areas outlined in rule

25.400 Registration of Licenses

- New licenses must be registered before January 1 of the next fiscal year (rather than six months after issuance.) Unregistered licenses will lapse January 1.

25.520 Substitute Teaching License

- Sub license renewal: only a fee and application required. (Basic skills no longer required.)

ISBE at the Illinois State Fair

Members of our ISE Improving Service to Educators (ISE) team will be at the Illinois State Fair this year to provide licensure information to our current and prospective educators. We will be located in the Illinois Building from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the duration of the fair. We will have computers available for anyone needing assistance with their ELIS account or help with renewing their licenses. Please stop by with any questions, concerns, or comments!

Monthly Myth Buster

"I cannot student teach in the same school I attended or in the same school where I served as a substitute teacher."

FALSE: Educators are eligible for student teaching at any previously attended school or any school he/she served as a substitute teacher. The requirements for student teaching can be found in *Section 25.620- Student Teaching of Illinois Administrative Code* at <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/25ark.pdf>.