



# Illinois State Board of Education

## Educator Licensure Changes Per Executive Order 2020-31 and Emergency Rules

District Administrators & ROE/ISCs

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# Agenda

- Context
- Overview of Modifications
- Next Steps
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# Context

- 15,000 educator preparation candidates
- Up to 7,500 completing student teaching or internships spring 2020
- School and testing center closures during Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations
- 4,800 unfilled positions
- Executive Order + Emergency Rules

# Applicability of Modifications

- The exemptions are in place for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations.
- The Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations are separate from the governor's shelter-in-place order. Exemptions are not aligned to the shelter-in-place order.
- Beginning date: March 9, 2020

# Emergency Modifications

| Requirement                        | Emergency Modification | Beneficiary  |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| edTPA                              | Exemption              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IL candidates</li><li>• OOS candidates</li></ul> |
| Student Teaching/Internships       | Exemption              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IL candidates</li><li>• OOS candidates</li></ul> |
| C- Grades for Licensure Coursework | Exemption              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IL candidates being entitled</li></ul>           |

# Emergency Modifications

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|--|---|---|
| Specific Short-Term or Interim approvals that expire 6/30/2020 | 1-yr extension for certain approvals if all endorsement or full approval requirements (besides testing) are met | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holders of Interim Sign Language Interpreter, Short-Term Emergency, and Short-Term (teaching areas) approvals</li> </ul>             |
| English proficiency tests for Visiting International Teachers  | Alternative English proficiency tests will be honored   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visiting International Teachers (educators pursuing the ELS-VIT)</li> </ul>  |
| Paraprofessional Competency Test                               | New Short-Term Approval Valid for 3 FY  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals who hold a HS diploma but lack the competency test</li> <li>• Must apply for ELS-PARA before approval expires</li> </ul> |

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|---|---|---|
| Content Test for Entry into Student Teaching & Alternative Preparation Programs | Exemption for Entry (instead required prior to PEL licensure) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>IL candidates</li></ul> |
| Content Test for Subsequent Teaching Endorsements                               | Short-Term Approval<br>Valid for 3 FY                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>IL candidates</li></ul> |
| Content Test for Administrative and School Support Personnel Candidates         | Short-Term Approval<br>Valid for 1 FY                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>IL candidates</li></ul> |



# License Renewal

- There are no extensions for credentials due for renewal 6/30/20
- Grace period through 8/31/20
- Online opportunities
- Out-of-State, National activities with approval from district
- Remote learning planning days



# Resources

- [Educator Licensure Requirement Changes FAQ](#)
- [Joint Guidance for IHEs](#)
- [Executive Order 2020-31](#)
- Emergency Rules
  - [Part 1 Emergency Amendment](#)
  - [Part 25 Emergency Amendment](#)
- [www.ISBE.net/COVID19](http://www.ISBE.net/COVID19)



# Type questions into webinar portal.

Frequent questions will be compiled and included in an updated FAQ.

Please email [licensure@isbe.net](mailto:licensure@isbe.net) for any remaining unanswered questions after the updated FAQ is released.



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