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

District Administrators & ROE/ISCs
April 29, 2020
Agenda

- Context
- Overview of Modifications
- Next Steps
- Resources
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
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| edTPA                             | Exemption              | • IL candidates  
|                                  |                        | • OOS candidates                                  |
| Student Teaching/Internships      | Exemption              | • IL candidates  
|                                  |                        | • OOS candidates                                  |
| C- Grades for Licensure Coursework | Exemption              | • IL candidates being entitled                  |
# Emergency Modifications

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<td>Specific Short-Term or Interim approvals that expire 6/30/2020</td>
<td>1-yr extension for certain approvals if all endorsement or full approval requirements (besides testing) are met</td>
<td>• Holders of Interim Sign Language Interpreter, Short-Term Emergency, and Short-Term (teaching areas) approvals</td>
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<td>English proficiency tests for Visiting International Teachers</td>
<td>Alternative English proficiency tests will be honored</td>
<td>• Visiting International Teachers (educators pursuing the ELS-VIT)</td>
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<td>Paraprofessional Competency Test</td>
<td>New Short-Term Approval Valid for 3 FY</td>
<td>• Individuals who hold a HS diploma but lack the competency test&lt;br&gt;• Must apply for ELS-PARA before approval expires</td>
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<td>Exemption for Entry (instead required prior to PEL licensure)</td>
<td>• IL candidates</td>
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<td>Content Test for Subsequent Teaching Endorsements</td>
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<td>Content Test for Administrative and School Support Personnel Candidates</td>
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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
Type questions into webinar portal.

Frequent questions will be compiled and included in an updated FAQ. Please email licensure@isbe.net for any remaining unanswered questions after the updated FAQ is released.