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NEW REFUND PROCESS

Effective Nov. 1, application refund requests must be made using Form 95-10 and come directly from the educator. Refund requests will no longer be accepted from Regional Offices of Education/Intermediate Service Centers or districts via email or phone.

- Complete Form 95-10 available on the [licensure forms page](#).
- Email completed form to licensurefees@isbe.net.
- Refund requests must be received within seven days of application.
- The application must be in pending review status to be considered for a refund.

For more information about the new process, contact your liaison.

CTE LICENSURE

Our department is working collaboratively with the Career & Technical Education (CTE) Department to complete CTE application reviews for current or prospective educators. If you have a specific question about a pending, deficient, or issued CTE license, you may reach out to CTE@isbe.net. If you have questions about the CTE licensure process, you may continue to reach out to your liaison in the Educator Effectiveness Department.

PART 25 UPDATES

We are in the process of proposing updates to Part 25 of School Rules. Stay up to date and find all existing and proposed rules on our [website](#).

NEW LICENSURE MATRICES WEBPAGE

For more information about acceptable coursework to earn a subsequent endorsement on a Professional Educator License, please direct educators to visit our new [licensure matrices webpage](#). Please note: Institutions of higher education reserve the right to request additional coursework as they see fit.

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ECE FLEXIBILITY FORM

For information about existing and prospective licensure flexibilities for ECE licensure, visit <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ECE-Form.pdf>.

ECACE SCHOLARSHIP - DETAILS AND APPLICATION COMING SOON!

Members of the early childhood education workforce who are seeking credentials and/or a degree in early childhood education may be eligible for the new Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program. Please visit the [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#) for program information.

TEACHER RESIDENCY PLANNING GRANT

ISBE released a request for proposals for \$750,000 in state funds to develop teacher residency programs. Teacher residencies increase teacher recruitment and retention by offering a more immersive preparation experience, leading to new educators feeling better prepared on day one in the classroom.

All public and private institutions of higher education with Illinois approved teacher preparation programs may apply. ISBE will prioritize applications that propose to partner with school districts or regional offices of education in rural areas or that propose to focus on preparing teachers in early childhood, bilingual education, or special education – the areas experiencing the highest demand.

The fiscal year 2022 Teacher Residency Planning Grant will support partnerships between institutions of higher education and school districts or regional offices of education to plan full-year field experiences. Three institutions of higher education will receive a grant and each will be able to partner with multiple school districts or regional offices of education to maximize the number of teacher candidates who can benefit from the program.

Proposals for the third round of Teacher Residency Planning Grants are due Dec. 10, 2021. The request for proposals can be accessed through the IWAS system, and more information about the grant can be found on the [Educator Effectiveness Grants webpage](#).

In the Spotlight – Teacher Leader Problems of Practice: Where Are They Now?

Learn how grant recipients are recruiting, preparing, and utilizing teacher leaders as agents of change in PreK-12 public school districts.



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