

NOTE:

NBCTs in their current cycle will not be subject to the new law until after they renew and are in their next renewal cycle. For example, an NBCT who is up for renewal in 2020 will need 40 professional development hours (formerly CPDUs) to renew for this cycle. In their next renewal cycle, the PEL will be valid for five years and licensees must complete 60 hours of PD before they can register. All educators must hold a valid NBPTS master teacher designation in ELIS for the 60-hour professional development requirement to apply. All educators should monitor the status of their Illinois credentials in ELIS.

NBCTs who are completing renewal will have to maintain a log of the hours they are spending in activities that constitute PD, and should request from the approved provider (university, local school district, regional office, etc.) a completed Evidence of Completion form with the total hours aligned to the log. These forms may be issued at the end of the NB renewal or at intervals prior to finish as PD hours are accrued. Most educators can receive the Evidence of Completion form from the National Board Resource Center or the Chicago Teacher's Union.

If an NBCT renews his/her NBPTS certification the hours completed, (at least 60), should be entered into ELIS as professional development hours, 1 contact hour = 1 professional development hour. Each educator is responsible for entering their own professional development into ELIS. There are no more uniquely qualifying options but if an IL educator achieves or renews NB by August 31, 2014 they can use the uniquely-qualifying activity to fulfill the entire requirement for this cycle.

All new and renewed NBCTs will automatically receive an NBPTS Master Teacher Designation, NBCTs need not apply. This designation does not change the 5-year validity period of the Professional Educator License. If an NBCT chooses to not renew his/her NB certification, the designation will be removed from the Illinois credentials and 120 hours of professional development will be required every five years.

Illinois State Board of Education, Article 21-B, Section 21B-65 states the following:

- Individuals holding certification issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall be issued a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards designation on an existing Professional Educator License. The designation shall be issued automatically and added to an individual's Professional Educator License, and individuals need not submit the application.
- The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards designation must be issued only for the same validity period as the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification, and the designation must be moved from the professional Educator License when the educator no longer holds the certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.
- Beginning on July 1, 2013 individuals holding an Illinois National Board for Professional Teaching Standards endorsement issued pursuant to the requirement of Section 21-2 of this Code must have a current certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in order to maintain the Illinois National Board for Professional Teaching Standards endorsement.
- Any individual who, on or after July 1, 2012, has been issued a Master Certificate pursuant to Section 21-2 of this Code or National Board for Professional Teaching Standards designation on a Professional Educator License pursuant to this Section may work as a teacher only in an area for which he or she holds the required Illinois endorsement.
- Any individual who, prior to June 30, 2012 has been issued an endorsement for a particular area on a Master Certificate may work as a teacher in that area even without having been issued the required Illinois endorsement.