

Educator Preparation New Licensure Officer Training

October 24 & 25, 2023

EXPECTATIONS OF A LICENSURE OFFICER



Licensure Officer Roles & Responsibilities

Entitlement Officer	Program Compliance	Liaison between IHE and ISBE
✓ Enter candidates into Pre-Completion upon enrollment	✓ Inform ISBE of program proposals, changes or discontinuations	✓ Attend annual training conducted by ISBE
✓ Stay up to date on licensure requirements and ensure candidates have met them	✓ Submit annual data reporting for all programs	✓ Assist candidates with ELIS account and entitlement process
✓ Move candidates from PC to Completed Program	✓ Stay up to date on legislation/current rules and changes	✓ Serve as compliance liaison during Entitlement Audits



New Licensure Officers

- Steps to take before Licensure Officers can begin entitling:
 - Update your ISBE Liaison
 - Request ELIS for Administrators Access
 - Update APR Contact page
 - Attend a New Licensure Officer Training webinar or view previouslyrecorded webinar
 - Review materials on Licensure Officer page
 - Seek out internal training at your institution

APR Contact Tip: If your LO holds more than one role at your institution (example: also the Dean), they can be listed twice as Contacts in APR to ensure inclusion on appropriate mailing lists

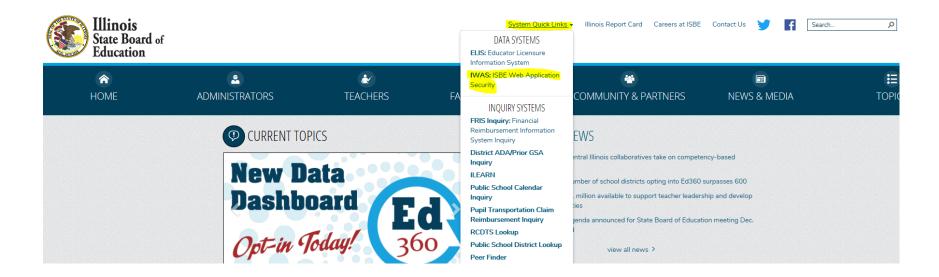


IWAS SYSTEM



IWAS Access

IWAS (ISBE Web Application Security) is the portal through which you will interact with ELIS (Educator Licensure Information System) and perform many of your licensing duties. The easiest way to access it is through the "System Quick Links" link at the top of any page on ISBE.net.





IWAS Access

 To gain IWAS rights, you will have to access IWAS from our website and use the 'Sign Up Now' link. From there, you will enter information and create a login and password.

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Helpful Tip: IWAS Access

New to IWAS

- Create IWAS Account
- Sign up for IWAS Administrators Account
- Your IHE administrator approves

Change IWAS Admin

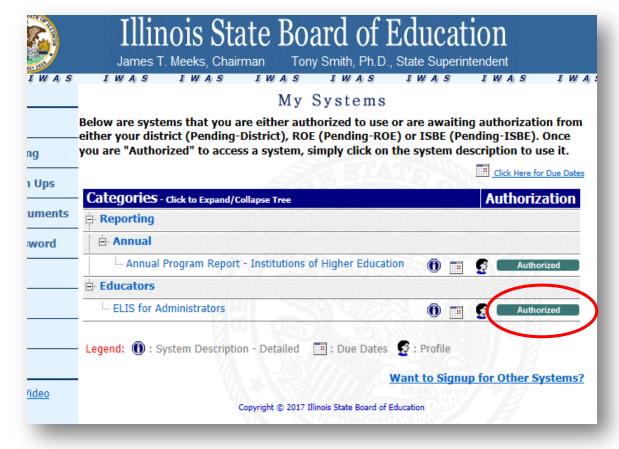
- Send letter via email
- ISBE IT makes change
- Details on IWAS message center

IWAS Access Guide can be found here: https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Licensure-Officers.aspx



IWAS Access

Once an account is created, go to the system listing and request access for both ELIS for Administrators and Annual Program Report – Institutions of Higher Education





ENTITLEMENT PROCESS

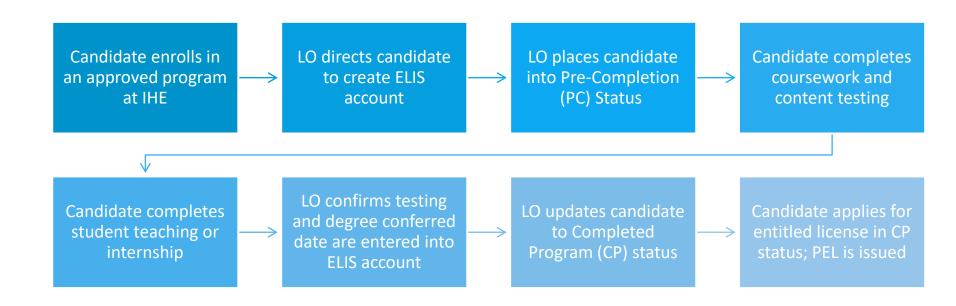


What is Entitlement?

- The ability of an Institution of Higher Education (IHE)
 with an approved program to validate that an educator
 candidate has completed all necessary components of
 that program and is eligible for licensure.
- After entitlement, the candidate needs to Apply on the entitled license and Register their license in ELIS before it is valid.
- If candidates are not entitled by an IHE, they must apply on their own through ISBE, send all necessary paperwork for evaluation, and wait in line with all other applicants.

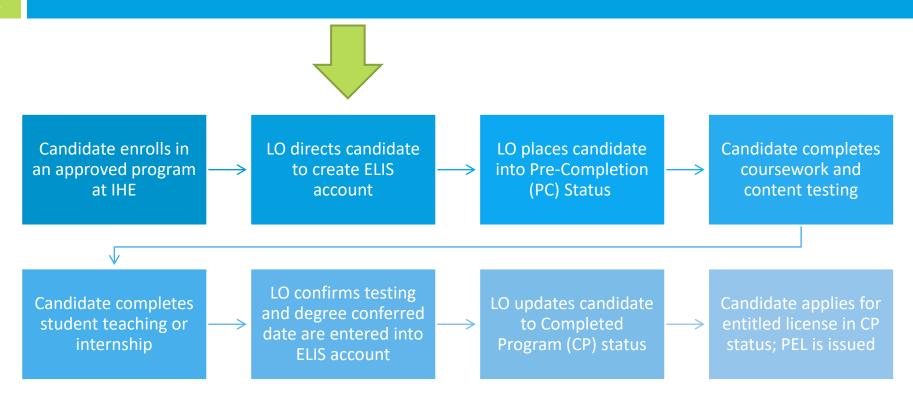


Entitlement Process Overview





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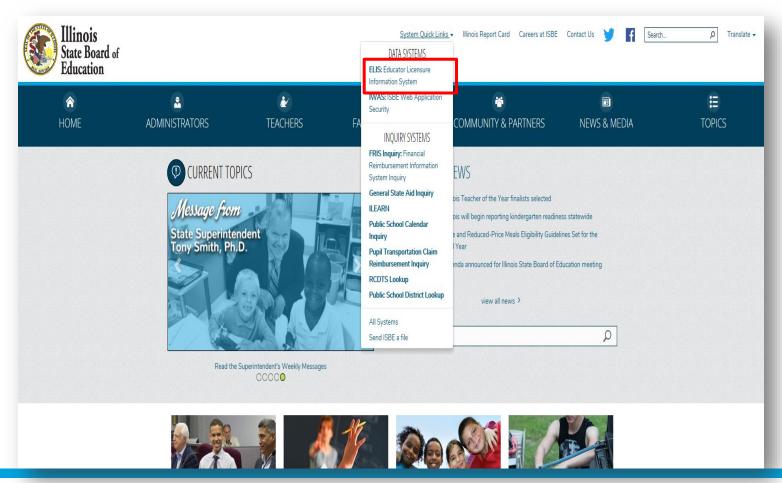




LO directs candidate to create ELIS account

- As a Licensure Officer, one of your roles is to assist students with their ELIS
 account and the application process.
- Students need to sign up for an ELIS account as soon as possible after enrollment in an approved program
- Provide clear guidance on this process to your candidates
- Upfront and consistent communication about the ELIS system and entitlement process are critical to ensure smooth, error-free licensing upon program completion







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EDUCATOR LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM (ELIS)

The ELIS web site is best viewed with the latest version of Internet Explorer (IE).

EDUCATOR ACCESS

Login to your ELIS account.

Notice: ACT Plus Writing or SAT score reports listed under a maiden name or previous name may not be credited to your account. Please complete ISBE form 73-71 to add a maiden name or previous name if applicable.

PUBLIC SEARCH

Perform a search of public license information for educators in Illinois by using the City, District, School, or Educator Name.

ADMINISTRATOR ACCESS

Perform a credential search of educators in Illinois. For use by institutions of higher education, school districts, or prospective employers to verify credentials of a potential educator candidate or employee. Illinois Educator Identification Number (IEIN) required.

(Effective July 1, 2013: deficiency letters and licenses will no longer be printed and mailed. You will be notified of any update to your file electronically to your current email address. Please review and update your current email address by accessing your ELIS Account.)



ELIS Log In Page

Already have an account? Login Here:

Login Name Password

LOG IN

Remember Login Name

Forgot Your Password?

If you have forgotten your login name or password, click on the link below.

Find Login/Password

CLICK HERE FOR FIRST TIME ACCESS TO THE ELIS SYSTEM

ELIS (Educator Licensure Information System) is now replacing ECS (Educator Certification System).

You will be directed to create an IWAS for Educators account to instantly access ELIS and view your credentials. After successfully creating your account, you will be able to log in on the left side of this page anytime to access your information.

Need Help?

If you need help with logging in, the sign up procedure or your password, please click on the link below.

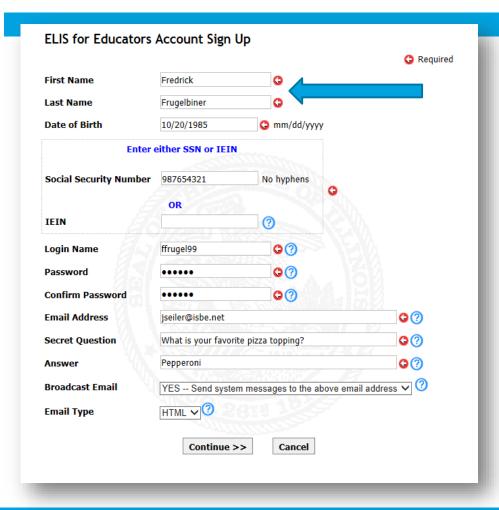
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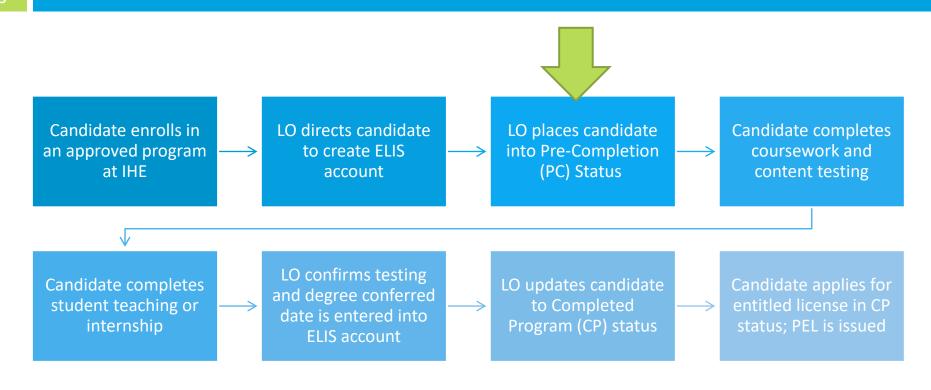








Entitlement Process





Pre-Completion Status

LO places candidate into Pre-Completion (PC) Status

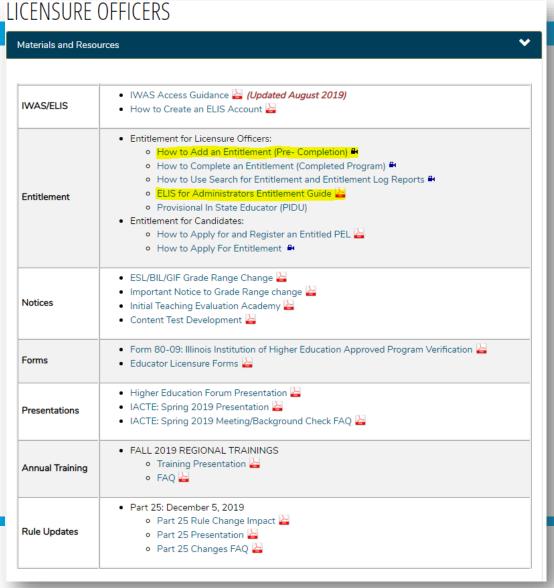
- Per **25.170**, EPPs must enter candidates for licensure into Pre-Completion (PC) status in ELIS within 60 days of enrollment. Candidates shall be placed in a pre-completion status until recommended for licensure. "Enrollment" means:
 - A declaration by a student who has accumulated at least 60 semester hours (or equivalent)
 of coursework with an intent to graduate with an undergraduate major or minor leading to
 educator licensure; OR
 - A graduate or post-baccalaureate registration as a candidate in a licensure program
- Entering candidates into Pre-Completion status prohibits candidates from applying for licensure prior to completing the entitlement process.
- Pre-Completion is required for all Initial PEL and Full Program candidates
- Alternative ELS- APE or ELS-PIDU do not need to be entered in Pre completion, but the PEL should be entered.





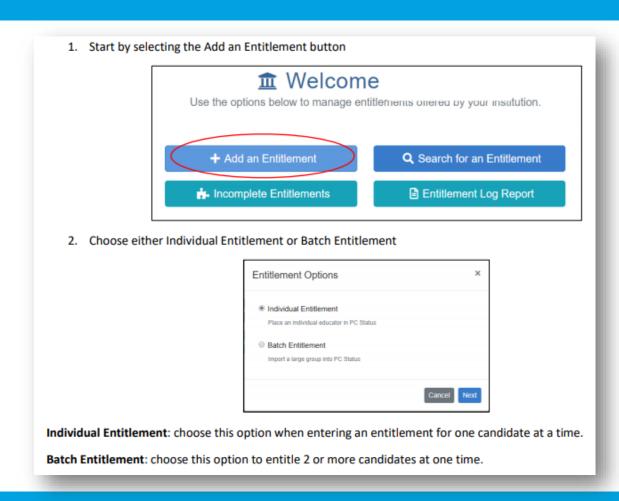
Entering a candidate into PC

Guidance for the Pre-Completion process can be found by going to our Licensure Officers page





Entering a candidate into PC





Entering an individual candidate into PC

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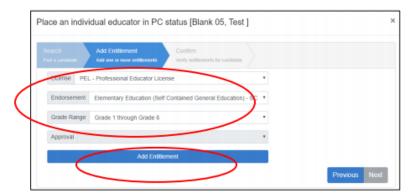
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Candidate was not found.



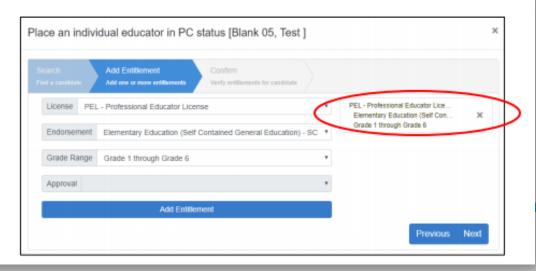
Entering an individual candidate into PC

4. Add License, Endorsement and Grade Range from the drop-down menus, select Add Entitlement



Helpful Hint: All grade range options within ELIS will be available, choose the applicable grade range for the selected endorsement.

5. Confirm the endorsement is correct. If it is incorrect, click on the "x" to remove and enter it again.



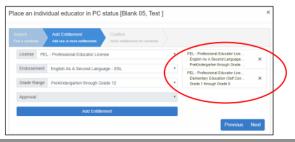


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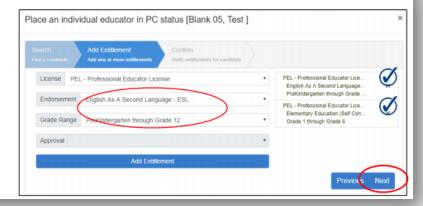
6. To enter additional endorsement(s) for the same individual

- · Change the endorsement and grade range to reflect the additional endorsement
- Select Add Entitlement
- This endorsement will stack on the first endorsement entered.

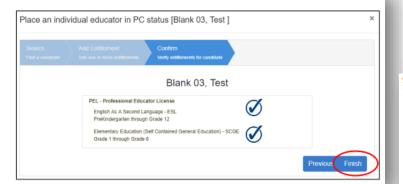
Example: The educator is being entitled for both an Elementary Education 1-6 PEL and an ESL PK-12 endorsement.



7. Once the PEL and all endorsements are listed, select Next



8. Confirm the entitlements for the individual, select Finish



9. The status of the added entitlement populates into a chart.

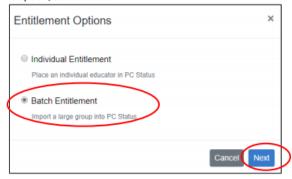


- a. Finish: Choose this option to go back to the home screen
- b. Export CSV: Choose this option to export the individual entitlements into a spreadsheet
- c. Add Another Entitlement: Choose this option to start a new entitlement.



Batch Entitlement

1. Select Batch Entitlement option, Select Next



Helpful Hint:

- · Use this option to entitle multiple students at one time
- More than one program and grade range can be included within the template
- Refer to the Appendix for License, Grade Range, and Endorsement code options
- 2. Download the template, enter data, and save it on your computer.

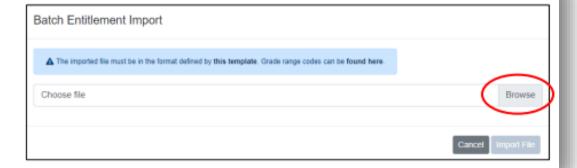


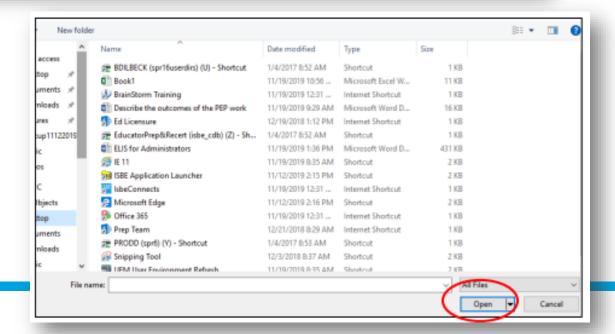
Helpful Hint:

- Template will download with pre-populated examples, don't forget to delete the examples
- Save file on your network or desktop for easy access.
- Only codes listed in the appendix will be accepted



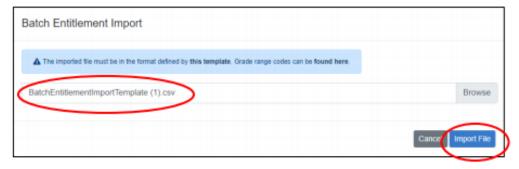
3. Upload saved template by selecting Browse, choose file and click Open.







Select Import File



Import Results will appear with a summary of Total entered, Number Imported, Number of Duplicates, Number of Failed Records, and Number of Educators Not Found.

Example: 4 entitlements were listed on the template, 3 of the 4 were imported successfully, and 1 failed to import







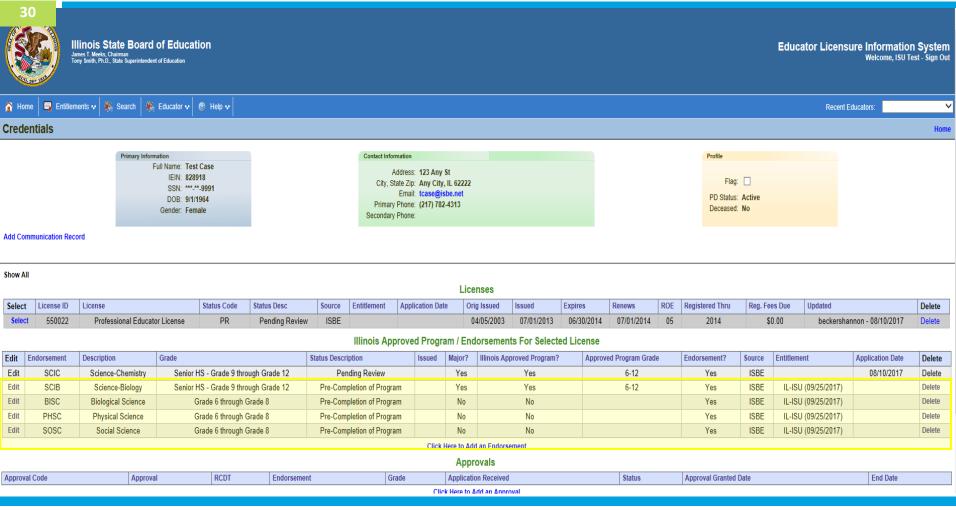
- a. Finish: Choose this option to go back to the home screen
- Export Results: Choose this option to export the batch entitlements into a spreadsheet
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Example: The grade range provided is invalid. To correct the entitlement, select Entitle to entitle the individual correctly. This will take you to the individual upload screen.





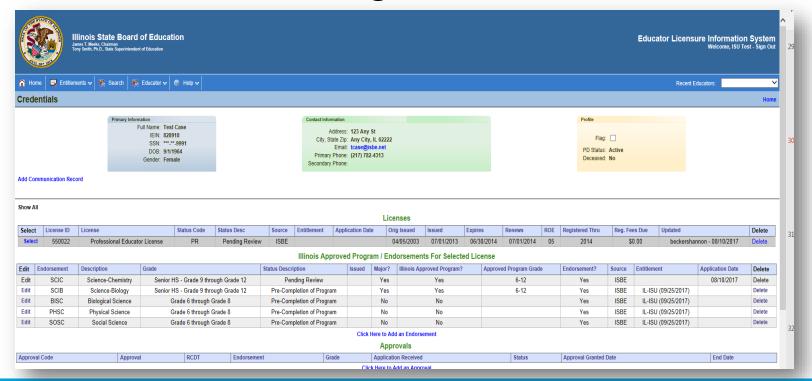
Entering candidates into PC





Editing endorsements

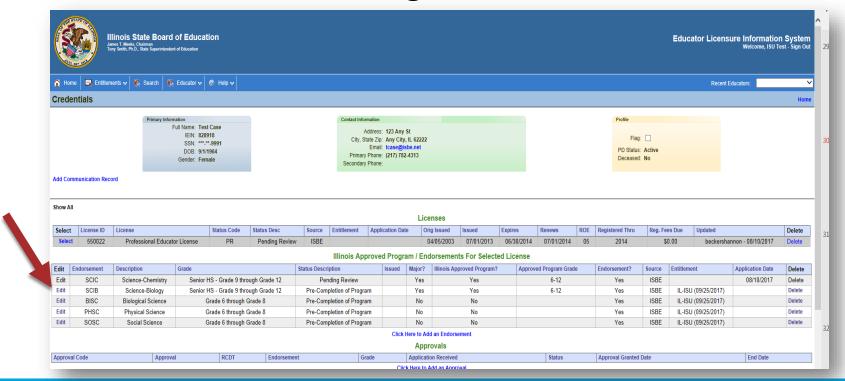
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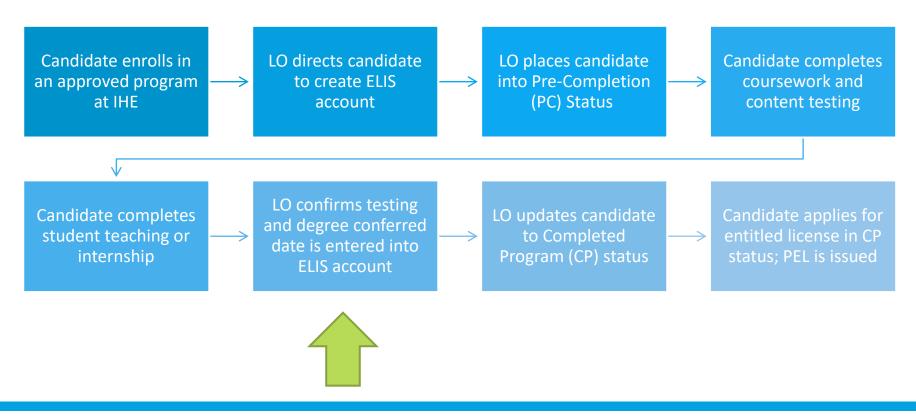
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Entitlement Process





Testing

Content Tests

- For initial PEL programs, content tests must be completed prior to beginning student teaching or serving as a teacher of record.
 - Note: This was waived during emergency proclamation period, will go back into effect January 1, 2024. Any candidate planning to start student teaching in Spring 2024 semester will need to have passed content test prior to starting.
- Content tests must be passed prior to licensure for School Support and Administrative candidates.

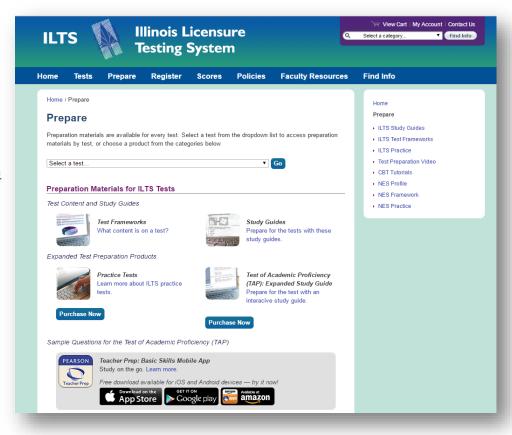


Preparing for ILTS Assessments

 Pearson has devoted a page to test preparation.
 Educators can access this page at the following link:

https://www.il.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_PreparationMaterials.html

- Includes:
 - Test frameworks
 - Practice tests
 - Study guides





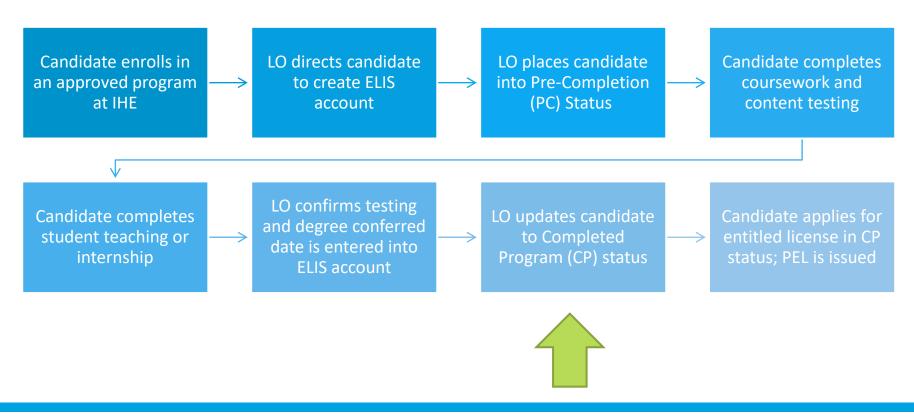
Official Scores

- Examinees receive "unofficial" results at the end of the test session.
- Official Scores* are sent electronically from Pearson to ISBE and uploaded into ELIS every two weeks.
- If a score appears to be missing, contact your Prep Liaison with candidate name, IEIN, test date and unofficial test scores (if available).
 - Reminder: Names must match exactly!
- An educator cannot be placed into Completed Program status until passing scores of all tests are reflected in their ELIS account.
 - Scores* are posted in the examinee's "My Account" under "Testing."

*P, F, or I—Pass, Fail, or Incomplete



Entitlement Process





Entitlement Requirements for Completed Program Status in ELIS

LO updates candidate to Completed Program (CP) status

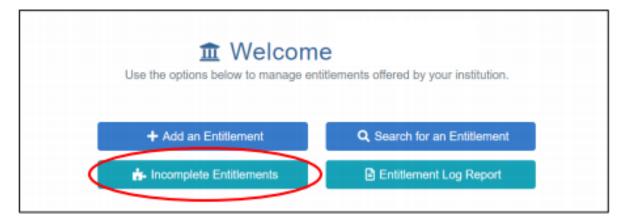
Before moving candidates to Completed Program, please verify the following:

- Bachelor's degree w/ conferred date, or Master's degree (if applicable)
- Completed approved preparation program PEL coursework
- Student Teaching/Internship Completed
- Passing content test score (in ELIS)
- Grade "C-" or above on all coursework
- Met all other criteria established by 23 Administrative Code
 - Licensure Officers are responsible for knowing the requirements, including the correct grade range, for each endorsement added via entitlement.



Incomplete Entitlements

To view entitlements in Pre-Completion (PC) status, Not Eligible for completed program status, and entitlements in completed program (CP) status





Incomplete Entitlement Key



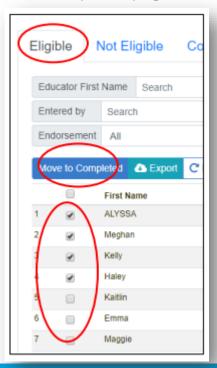
- Eligible/Not Eligible/Completed: Individuals in PC status that are eligible for entitlement, not eligible, or completed.
 - a. Eligible: Individual is in PC status and all testing is posted
 - b. Not Eligible: Individual is in PC status and test requirement(s) missing
 - c. Completed: Individual is in CP status, but has not yet applied for Entitlement
 - CP status expires after 1 year
- 2. Educator First Name: Filter eligible individuals by first name
- 3. Educator Last Name: Filter eligible individuals by last name
- 4. Educator IEIN: Filter eligible individuals by IEIN
- 5. Entered by: Filter eligible individuals by name of IHE representative who entered the initial pre-completion
- 6. Updated by: Filter eligible individuals by name of IHE representative who last updated the individual file
- 7. License: Filter by License type (PEL, APE, PIDU)
- 8. Endorsement: Filter by Endorsement
- 9. Search: Search results based on the filters entered/selected

- 10. Clear: Clear the search/filter to start a new search
- 11. Move to Completed: Move selected individuals to completed program status
- 12. Export: Export eligible individuals into an excel sheet
- 13. Refresh: Refresh screen to update
- 14. Status: Entitlement status of individual record
- 15. Content Test: Date the applicable content test results posted in ELIS
- EdTPA: Date the applicable edTPA results posted in ELIS
- 17. Status Change: Date the entitlement status changed
- 18. Degree: Highest degree listed in ELIS account



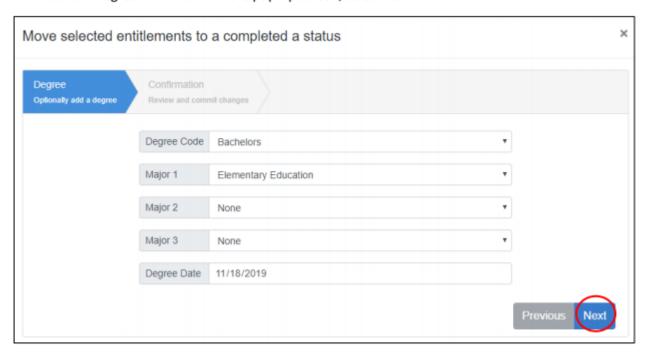
How to move from Pre-Completion (PC) to Completed Program (CP)

- 1. Start by clicking on the Eligible tab
- 2. Check the box next to the First Name(s) of the individual(s) that have completed a program
- 3. Once selected, click Move to Completed





4. Enter the Degree information in the pop-up screen, select Next

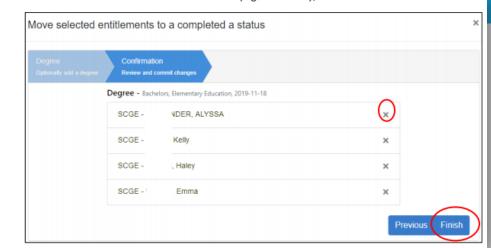


Helpful Hint: Select all individuals that have the same degree code, major and degree date. During this process you will be unable to add different degrees at one time.

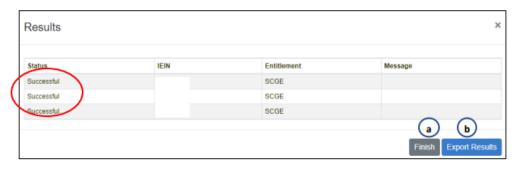
- 5. Confirm list of completed entitlement individuals
- 6. Click Finish



Helpful Hint: If an individual is listed on the confirmation page incorrectly, click the "x" to remove the record



7. Verify the status of entitled individuals, select finish or export results.

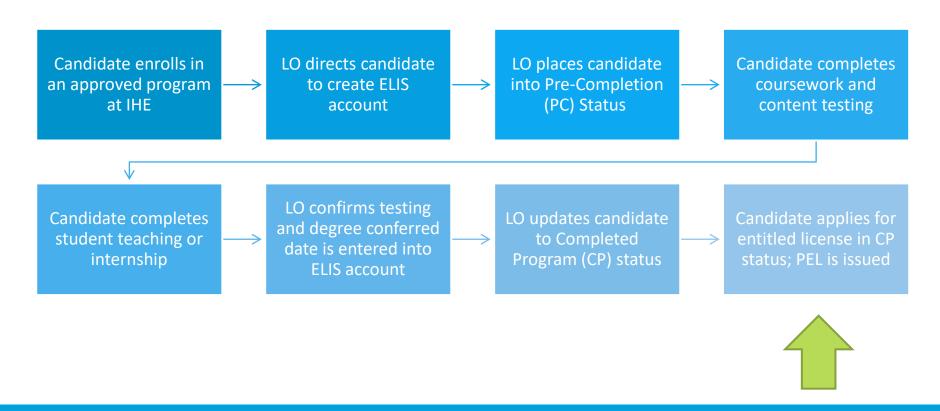


Helpful Hint: Clicking on the IEIN of the individual will take you to the ELIS screen of the individual to verify the CP status.

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- b. Export Results: Choose this option to export the batch entitlements into a spreadsheet

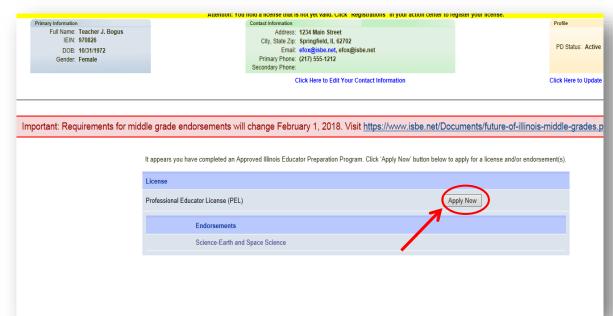


Entitlement Process





- Once a license/endorsement has been placed in 'Completed Program.' a change in the home screen of the <u>educator</u> occurs.
- Candidates have 1 year from time of CP status to apply before the entitlement expires. If that happens, the LO can re-entitle them (provided they still meet *current* requirements for their particular program) OR the candidate can apply through ISBE for evaluation (though they would have to provide a copy of their transcripts and an 80-09 form from the college or university).



Educator now has ability to apply for the entitled license/endorsement



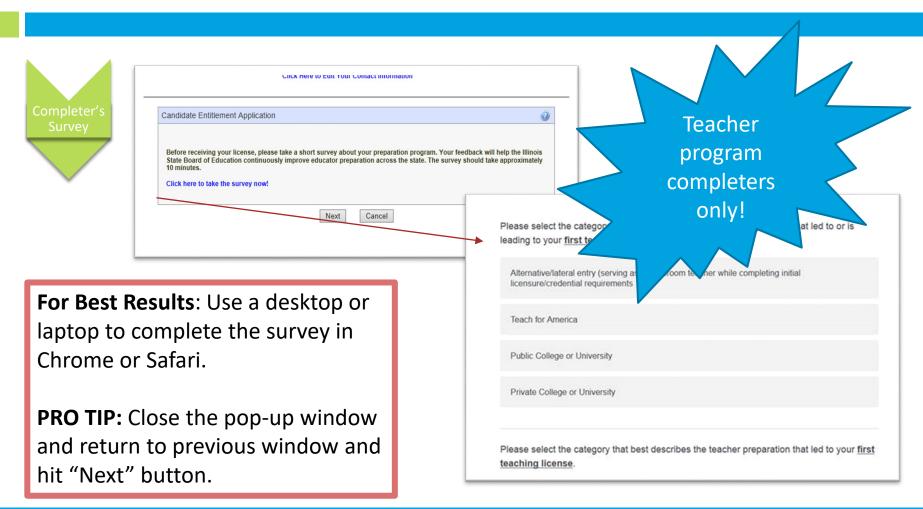
APPLICATION WIZARD

Completer's Survey

Background Questions

Make Payment Register License







Background Questions

- Depending on answers to these questions, PEL may issue or go into pending review status
- If PEL goes into pending review, educator will be contacted by ISBE for next steps



Subsequent Endorsements

- Once an educator holds a PEL, he/she can add additional/subsequent content area endorsements.
- IHEs can entitle for subsequent endorsements by verifying 18 hours of coursework (and any applicable distributions) + passing content test score
 - Candidates with a PEL in Science or Social Science area can add a subsequent endorsement in another Sci/SocSci area with 12 hours of credit in that content area
- IHEs can add subsequent endorsements for ANY endorsement that does not require a full program.
 - IHEs may also require a candidate to complete a full program in any other endorsement area they deem necessary.



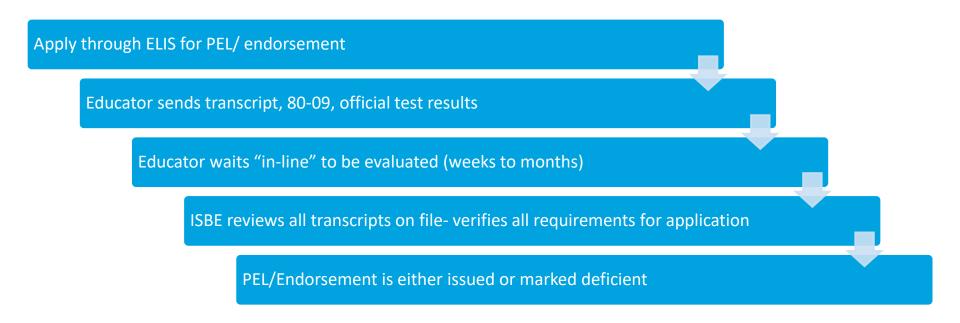
ISBE Process

Common examples of when educators are **not** entitled by an IL institution:

- > Educator is seeking a subsequent endorsement and is short coursework hours
- Out of State full program/endorsement completers
- Completed an IL program and entitlement expired out after 1 year; program has been discontinued
- > Didn't complete all requirements of an IL program and now wants an IL license
- NOTE: Illinois offers reciprocity to educators already validly licensed from out of state. Educators apply on their own for ISBE review and must provide a copy of their valid OOS license along with a transcript showing their degree. Once both of those pieces are received and evaluated, the educator will be granted an Illinois PEL in the subject areas and grade ranges closest to what appears on their OOS license.



ISBE Process (not able to entitle)





Acceptable Areas of Coursework

- When educators apply to ISBE for endorsements, their coursework is often evaluated according to our Acceptable Areas of Coursework document.
- This document lists common course titles and subject matters which are generally accepted toward specific endorsement areas.
- This may be a helpful tool for you if you are conducting transcript audits for transfer students and determining their need for a full or focused program.
- The document can be found in pdf form on ISBE's Subsequent Teaching Endorsements <u>page</u>.



Common Forms

- 80-09: Used to confirm a candidate who applied via ISBE completed an approved IL program, but IHE can no longer entitle
- 80-02s: Used to confirm a candidates who applied via ISBE completed an Out of State program
- 73-71: Name or SSN change request; merge ELIS accounts
- 80-07: Re-evaluation of coursework request
- 83-85: Verification of Individualized Pathway

Forms can be uploaded directly into educators' Images section. Notify liaison when form is added.



ILLINOIS ADMINISTRATIVE RULE & SCHOOL CODE



Illinois Administrative Rule

Part 25-Educator Licensure

https://www.isbe.net/Documents/25ark.pdf

- Requirements for licensure
- Requirements for endorsements
- Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS)
- Accreditation and approval of preparation programs
- Clinical experiences
- Alternative licensure



Illinois Administrative Rule

- Part 20 (Standards for Endorsements in Elementary Education)
- Part 21 (Standards for Endorsements in the Middle Grades)
- Part 22 (Code of Ethics for Illinois Educators)
- Part 23 (Standards for School Support Personnel Endorsements)
- Part 24 (Standards for all Illinois Teachers)
- Part 26 (Standards for Endorsements in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education)
- Part 27 (Standards for Endorsements in Specific Teaching Fields)
- Part 28 (Standards for Endorsements in Special Education)
- Part 29 (Standards for Administrative Endorsements)
- Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois)

Find all rules in their entirety at this <u>link</u>.



Tips and Tricks

- Becoming familiar with rule will be very helpful to you and your work as the LO
- Use CTRL+F (Find) to look for specific words or phrases in rule when you don't know exactly in what section they might be
- Keeping a short list of the sections you most commonly need may help you search more quickly as well (e.g. 25.620 regards student teaching)



ENTITLEMENT AUDITS



Entitlement Audits

- According to Section 21B-25 of the School Code, every IHE must be audited by the State Board at least once every five years.
- Audits verify that proper procedures were followed for candidates entitled by each institution in the previous 12 months.
- If your IHE is being audited, you will be notified, provide documentation back to ISBE, and comply with requests for further information as needed.
- More information can be found in section 25.127 of rule.



Entitlement Audit - General Timeline

Entitlement Audit Webinar	Early January
Engagement letters submitted to IHE's being audited	Early January
Selected IHE's documentation requested by ISBE due	Mid-February
ISBE Review/completion of Finalized Entitlement Audit Report	Mid-February – Late March
ISBE sends Audit Report to IHE with request for further clarification	Early April
IHE submits further information to ISBE	Early May
ISBE staff does final review clearing or indicating findings for IHE	Early June
IHE develops and submits remediation plan to ISBE (if applicable)	Remediation plan must be submitted within 60 days of communicated findings
SEPLB and State Board approve remediation plan prior to implementation	July (no findings) OR August (if remediation plans are required)



ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTING (APR)



Annual Program Reporting

- February 1- April 30 annual reporting window
- Candidate and Institution data is reported for all approved programs (teaching, school support, and administrative)
- IHE Contact Directory- IHE must update as needed
- More information can be found <u>on the APR</u> website



PROGRAMS

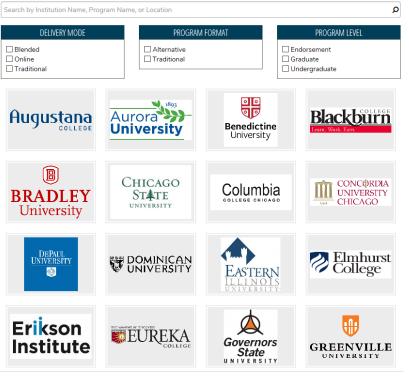


Directory of Approved Programs

DIRECTORY OF APPROVED PROGRAMS

Want to be a teacher, administrator or school support personnel in Illinois? Utilize the search bar to find the Illinois Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) that offer approved preparation programs by institution name, program name or location. Also, find approved programs using the filter function on the left side of the page. For questions about specific program requirements (i.e. coursework, student teaching placement, program completion timeline), please contact the IHE directly.





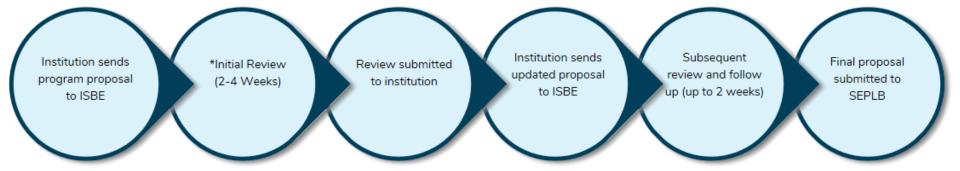
- ISBE's Directory of Approved
 Programs is a tool used by prospective candidates to research Illinois programs in their areas of educational interest.
- The Directory includes all current IHE's and lists every program they host.
- Candidates can sort by program type, program level, and program delivery.
- It can be found here.



New Program Proposal Process

PROGRAM REVIEW PROCESS

All preparation proposals shall follow the process below. Proposals that do not obtain initial approval may undergo a truncated version of this process as determined by the agency.



- a. *Peer Review is mandatory for Principal and Superintendent programs.
- b. *Peer Review is optional for Early Childhood, Elementary Education, Middle Grades, Secondary, and Alternative programs.
- c. *Agency staff will review all proposals.



The Basics of Program Proposals

All proposals must meet requirements set forth in rule at the time the proposal is submitted.

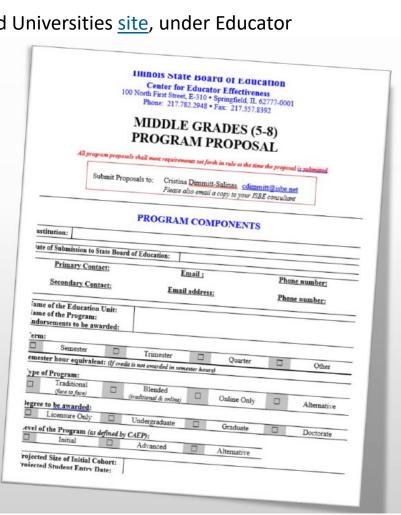
Formatted proposals can be found on the College and Universities <u>site</u>, under Educator

Preparation Program Resources*

- Proposals consist of the following requirements:
 - Program Components
 - Admission Criteria
 - Faculty
 - Course of Study
 - Field Experiences & Clinical Practice
 - Program Assessments
 - Standards Alignment
 - Assurances

*Updated forms will be coming soon!





Program Change Process

- IHE submits a program change proposal in pdf format directly to their ISBE liaison who will acknowledge receipt of the proposal.
- ISBE staff will review all of the proposal's components and note where changes are suggested and/or required to approval
- If any further information is needed, you will be notified with all suggested and required changes. This process will continue until no further changes or updates are needed.
- Your liaison will notify you via email when the program change is approved.

The program change form can be found on the website: https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure-Colleges-and-Universities.aspx*

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State Educator Preparation & Licensure Board (SEPLB)

- SEPLB meetings generally take place on the first Friday of every other month.
- Prior to each meeting, agendas are posted on the ISBE website.
- If you plan on presenting during public comment, you must sign in prior to the beginning of the meeting.
- New Program representatives should plan to attend SEPLB.
- Guidelines can be found <u>here</u>.



Get Started!

- Get access to ELIS and APR (if applicable)
- Work with IHE dean and faculty to understand your IHE's program requirements
- Familiarize self with ELIS and entitlement process
- Familiarize self with ISBE websites
 - <u>Colleges and Universities</u>- links to program templates, licensure officer site, standards links, and testing info.
 - <u>Licensure</u>- General requirements for endorsements, approvals, link to rules/legislation etc.



QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU FOR COMING!

