

PART 25 UPDATES Q&A (from June 30, 2021 Webinar)

Short Term Approval Forms

Q. Who completes the forms that accompany the short-term approval applications?

A. Instructions are found on each of the individual forms. It will depend on which form is being submitted. Many require district signatures, check the forms first!

Middle Grade

Q. How many hours are required for an initial middle grade program for each of the content areas?

A. Remains 24 hours, no change.

Q. How many hours are required for a subsequent endorsement in middle grades?

A. 18 SH (including a middle grade content methods) + middle grade content test

Science and Social Science Subsequent Endorsements

Q. What are the requirements for subsequent science and social science endorsements if an educator already holds a PEL with a science or social science endorsement?

A. Additional science and/or social science endorsements after the initial endorsement require the passing of the content test OR 12 SH of coursework in that specific content area. (this does not allow mixing an initial social science and being eligible for a subsequent science under these rules)

Alternative Programs

Q. How many hours of coursework is required at the time of entry into an alternative program?

A. 9 Semester Hours. Follow the same process as before, just need 9 hours rather than 32.

Q. How many hours of coursework is required at program completion?

A. 32 Hours. In addition, if the program is a secondary science or social science program, then 18 of the 32 hours must be in the content specifically.

State Seal of Biliteracy

Q. Where is this information found for educators?

A. The state seal is issued while educators are students in high school. The state seal is often found on a high school transcript. The ISBE multilingual department can also verify. Contact your ISBE Liaison for additional information

Q. What if a candidate does not have a state seal of biliteracy?

A. The candidate can meet the Target Language Proficiency requirement by passing the applicable test.