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## Greetings

We provide this newsletter to education stakeholders throughout the State of Illinois in hopes of developing a better informed workforce, fostering a greater sense of community, and building morale among those who impact academic achievement. Most importantly, the aim is to improve the lives of Illinois students.

### ELIS Updates

Educators can now apply for a Para-professional License at the age of 19 instead of 20; thus, the ROE no longer needs to temporarily alter educator birth dates in the system to allow for successful application.

ISBE's Information Technology team is working expeditiously to address issues with evaluator retraining modules that are missing from or incorrectly reported in ELIS accounts. Notification will be sent to the field when this issue is addressed. Please monitor your ELIS account (specifically, the "Evaluator Modules" section) so you may be alerted when updates have been made.

Out-of-state applications cannot choose endorsement areas when applying in ELIS, which prevents them from being overcharged. Endorsements will be awarded based on credentials listed on their out-of-state license.

### Renewals

If you hold a professional educator license (PEL) or educator license with stipulations endorsed for career and technical educator (ELS-CTE), and your renewal cycle expires on June 30, 2018, you must enter your Professional Development (PD) hours no later than August 31, 2018, and pay the applicable registration fee. If your PD is not entered, your license will lapse on September 1, 2018, and be invalid for employment. A \$500 penalty fee or completion of nine semester hours of specific coursework

will be required to reinstate your license. Once your license has been renewed, it must also be registered. Failure to register your license within six months of renewal will cause your license to lapse.

*Reminder:* If you were reported as an administrator during your five-year cycle, you are required to complete Administrator Academy hours for renewal.

How to record PD: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/record-prof-dev.pdf>

License Renewal Chart: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/license-renewal-chart.pdf>

Approved Administrators' Academies (AA): <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Current-Approved-Courses-by-State.pdf>

### Professional Development

Beginning April 1, 2017, educators can carry over unused professional development hours completed between April 1st and June 30th of the final year of their renewal cycle to the next five-year renewal cycle. Educators should not record unused professional development in ELIS until July 1st of the next renewal cycle.

*Summer 2018 Professional Development Opportunities:*

<https://education.illinoisstate.edu/ntcon/>

<https://intc.education.illinois.edu/btc>  
Approved Professional Development Providers: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/prof-dev-provider-list.pdf>

### ISBE Office Closings for Summer 2018

Memorial Day: May 28, 2018  
Independence Day: July 4, 2018  
Labor Day: September 3, 2018

#### Important Reminder:

Check your deficiency letter(s) for a June 30, 2018, expiration date. Please be sure to complete deficiencies before this date.

### Testing

Please be sure to visit the [Illinois Licensure Testing System](#) for information regarding the test, preparation materials, and registration information.

- Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP)
- Assessment of Professional Teaching (APT) PK-12
- Content area tests
- Language Proficiency test
- LBSII tests

[Click here for information regarding the edTPA](#)

### Welcome to Summer Summer Fun Checklist:

- Visit an Illinois nature park or museum
- Try a famous "horseshoe" in Springfield
- Cook a meal with ingredients purchased entirely from a farmers market
- Join a summer reading program
- Relax!

