Explanation of License Status Codes in ELIS

The status of an educator’s license determines if the license is valid for teaching in an Illinois public or state-operated school or if steps need to be taken to validate the license. See explanations of license statuses (and status codes) below.

Completed Program (CP): If you are being recommended for a license or endorsement through entitlement, your status will be “Completed Program” until you apply for your pending notification. To apply for the entitlement notification, go to your ELIS homepage and click on the link that alerts you of your pending entitlement notification. Your status will change to “issued” once your application and fee are received.

Deficient (D): You have not met all of the requirements needed for the endorsement/license. You will receive a letter through email detailing the requirements you need to meet.

Deleted/Removed (DR): The license/endorsement has been removed from your credentials and is not valid for teaching in an Illinois public or state-operated school. You may see this status if a duplicate license/endorsement was removed from your credentials.

Educator Surrendered (SU): The educator has voluntarily given up the license/endorsement.

Exchanged (EX): The license has been converted into a different license. The license with the “exchanged” status is not valid for employment in an Illinois public or state-operated school. This status is most often seen on licenses that were once “certificates” prior to implementation of ELIS. For example, prior to July 1, 2013, an initial certificate may have been exchanged for a standard certificate, or a provisional certificate may have been exchanged for a full certificate. In ELIS, these historical licenses would have an “exchanged” status.

Expired (X): The license/endorsement has expired and is not valid for employment in an Illinois public or state-operated school.

Inactive (IN): Your license registration fees expired and/or a Statement of Assurance (SOA) was not approved prior June 30 of this year. You have until December 31 of this year to pay registration fees and/or obtain SOA approval. Your license is invalid for employment in an Illinois public or state-operated school.

Issued (I): You have met all necessary requirements for the license/endorsement.

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**Lapsed (L):** Your last renewal cycle ended on or before June 30 of last year. Your license lapsed because your license registration fees were not paid and/or a Statement of Assurance (SOA) was not approved by December 31 of the year the renewal cycle ended. Your license is invalid for employment in an Illinois public or state-operated school until you reinstate it. Please view the reinstatement section of ISBE’s [FAQ document](#) for an explanation of your reinstatement options.

**Licensure Conversion (LC):** If you held an Illinois certificate prior to July 1, 2013, that certificate transferred to the new licensure system with a “licensure conversion” status. If your certificate was valid at the time of the conversion, the same license is listed in your credentials with an “issued” status.

**Pending Review (PR):** ISBE has received your application, and it is waiting to be reviewed by an evaluator. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received.

**Pre-Completion of Program (PC):** The individual is being entitled for a license by an Illinois university or college, but has not yet met all of the requirements for licensure.

**Revoked (R):** For educational purposes, the license no longer exists, and notification to that effect was entered into the nationwide database.

**Suspended (S):** The license or endorsement is no longer valid for working in a position requiring that credential, but it may be reinstated after a specific period of time.