Fall 2012 Licensure Officer Training
The transition to licensure has been rescheduled for June 2013.

We are working out transition logistics and hope to provide more information to you soon.
At the ISBE board meeting on October 29-30, 2012, the board approved revisions to Part 25 rules which would extend the validity period of the TAP/ACT/SAT scores from five years to ten years.

The proposed rules are scheduled to be reviewed by JCAR in December.

We must abide by the five year validity period until the revised rules are approved by JCAR and filed by the agency.
PROPOSED RULES REGARDING THE CONTENT-AREA TEST AND INTERNSHIP

- The same proposed rules state that the content-area test must be passed before beginning the last semester (or term) of internship.
PROPOSED RULES FURTHER DEFINE PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

- An educator preparation program may provisionally admit a candidate who is unable to pass each of the four subtests of the Illinois’ test of basic skills, provided the following conditions are met:
  - The candidate has taken the Illinois’ test of basic skills and has passed at least one of the four subtests of reading comprehension, language arts, mathematics, and writing; and
  - The educator preparation program provides supports and remediation designed to assist the candidate in passed the remaining subtests; and
  - The candidate is fully admitted into the educator preparation program at least one semester before he/she is scheduled to begin student teaching.
TRANSITION TO THREE TYPES OF LICENSES ON JUNE 2013

- Professional Educator License
- Substitute Teacher License
- Educator License with Stipulations
  - Alternative Provisional Educator
  - Alternative Provisional Superintendent
  - Resident Teacher
  - Career and Technical Educator
  - Provisional Career and Technical Educator
  - Transitional Bilingual
  - Visiting International Teacher
  - Paraprofessional
Requirements

- Successfully completed an approved educator preparation program and are recommended for licensure by the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation program;
- Successfully completed all testing requirements;
- Successfully completed coursework on the psychology of, the identification of, and the methods of instruction for the exceptional child, including, without limitation, the learning disabled *(to be further defined in rule)*;
- Successfully completed coursework in methods of reading and reading in the content area *(to be further defined in rule)*; and
- Met all other criteria established by rule of the State Board of Education.
Endorsements

- The license will be endorsed with specific areas and grade levels in which the holder is eligible to teach.

- A subsequent endorsement for the same grade level may be added to the Professional Educator License. A subsequent endorsement for the same grade level requires a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework in the endorsement area, unless otherwise specified by rule, and passage of the applicable content-area test(s).
Rules will define which endorsements will require completion of an entire approved program—i.e. adding an administrative endorsement to a license endorsed in a teaching field.

Rules will define which endorsements will require completion of a focused program—i.e. adding a 9-12 mathematics endorsement to a license endorsed in self-contained elementary.
A Substitute Teaching License may be issued to qualified applicants for substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools, Pre K-Grade 12.

Substitute Teaching Licenses are not eligible for endorsements.

Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute teaching in every county of this State.
Requirements:
- Hold a bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
- If an individual has had his or her Professional Educator License or Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked, or has not met renewal requirements for licensure, then the individual is not eligible to obtain a Substitute Teaching License.
Validity of the Substitute Teaching License

- Valid for five years;
- May be renewed if the individual has passed the TAP.

- The TAP score may be no older than five years at the time it is submitted to ISBE;
- An individual who has passed the TAP for the first Substitute Teaching License is not required to retake the test for future renewals.
- The ACT Plus Writing or the SAT may be used in lieu of the TAP.
There is no limit on the number of days that a teacher may teach in a single school district, provided that:

- No substitute teacher may teach longer than 90 school days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the same school year.
- A substitute teacher who holds a Professional Educator License or an Educator License with Stipulations may not teach for more than 120 school days for any one licensed teacher under contract for one school year.
An Educator License with Stipulations will be issued that is:

- Non-renewable; or
- Limits the license holder to one particular position; and/or
- Does not require completion of an approved educator program; or
- Any combination of these three items.
A provisional educator endorsement in a specific content area may be added to this license by the applicant who holds an educator license from another State, U.S. territory or country, with a minimum of 15 semester hours in content coursework from another State, U.S. territory, or foreign country and who, at the time of applying for an Illinois license, does not meet the requirements, but does, at a minimum, meet both of the following:

- Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a Bachelor’s Degree, unless a Master’s Degree is required for the endorsement, from a regionally accredited college or university, or for individuals educated outside the U.S., the equivalent of a minimum of a bachelor’s degree issued in the U.S., unless a Master’s Degree is required for the endorsement.

- Has passed a test of basic skills and the applicable content-area test(s), as required.
A provisional educator endorsement for principal may not be issued, nor may any person with a provisional educator endorsement serve as a principal in a public school in Illinois.

Out-of-state applicants will not receive a provisional educator endorsement if the person completed an alternative licensure program in another state unless the program has been determined to be equivalent to the Illinois program requirements.
A provisional educator endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately following 2 years of the license being issued, during which time any remaining testing and coursework deficiencies must be met.

Failure to satisfy all stated deficiencies will mean that the individual is ineligible to receive a Professional Educator License at that time.

A provisional educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations will not be renewed.
An alternative provisional educator endorsement may be issued to an applicant, who at the time of applying for the endorsement, has done all of the following:

- Graduated from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum of a Bachelor’s Degree.
- Successfully completed the first phase of the alternative Educator License Program for Teachers.
- Passed a test of basic skills and the applicable content-area test.
Validity Period

- Valid for two years of teaching and may be renewed for a third year if the holder meets the requirements.
An alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations entitles the holder to serve only as a superintendent or assistant superintendent in a school district’s central office.

The endorsement may be registered for two fiscal years (July 1-June30 of the following year) in order to complete one full year of serving as a superintendent or assistant superintendent.
This endorsement may only be issued to those who at the time of application have done all of the following:

- Graduated from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum of a Master’s Degree in a management field other than education.
- Been employed for a period of at least five years in a management position in a field other than education.
- Successfully completed the first phase of an alternative route to superintendent endorsement program.
- Passed a test of basic skills and applicable content-area test(s).
A resident teacher endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who, at the time of application, has done all of the following:

- Graduated from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum of a Bachelor’s Degree.
- Enrolled in a approved Illinois Educator Preparation program.
- Passed a test of basic skills and the applicable content-area test(s).
The resident teacher endorsement is valid for four years of teaching and cannot be renewed.

A resident teacher may teach only under the direction of a licensed teacher, who will act as the resident mentor teacher, and may not teach in place of a licensed teacher.

As of July 1, 2012, programs can no longer accept candidates into resident teacher programs and this endorsement will not be issued after June 30, 2017.
A career and technical educator endorsement may be issued on a Educator License with Stipulations to an applicant who has documented the following:

- A minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited institution of higher education;
- Passed a test of basic skills; and
- Accumulated a minimum of 2,000 hours of work experience in the last 10 years outside of education in each area to be taught.

The career and technical educator endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately following five years of the endorsement being issued.
A provisional career and technical educator endorsement may be issued to an applicant who has documented the following:

- A minimum of 8,000 hours of work experience in the skill for which the applicant is seeking the endorsement;
- Written verification from the employing school board that no qualified teacher holding a Professional Educator License or and Educator License with Stipulations endorsed in career and technical education is available and that actual circumstances require issuance;
The endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately following five years of the endorsement being issued.

The endorsement may be renewed one time for five years if the individual passes a test of basic skills and completes a minimum of 20 semester hours from a regionally accredited institution.
A transitional bilingual educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations may be issued for the purpose of providing instruction to an applicant who provides evidence of meeting the following requirements:

- Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and writing ability in the language other than English in which transitional bilingual education is offered.
- Has the ability to successfully communicate in English; and
- Either possessed with five years previous to the application, a valid and comparable teaching certificate or comparable authorization issued by a foreign country or hold a degree from an institution of higher learning in a foreign country that the SEPLB determines to be the equivalent of a Bachelor’s Degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning in the United States.
This endorsement is valid Pre K-Grade 12 and is valid until June 30 immediately following five years of the endorsement being issued and will not be renewed.

Persons holding a transitional bilingual must not be employed to replace any presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

Individuals holding a transitional bilingual endorsement may also apply for a language endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations. The language endorsement is valid for the same validity period as the transitional bilingual endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations and may not be renewed.
A visiting international educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an individual who is being recruited by a particular school district that conducts formal recruitment programs outside the U.S. to secure the services of qualified teachers who meets all of the following requirements:

- Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a Bachelor’s Degree issued in the U.S.;
- Has been prepared as a teacher at the grade level for which he/she will be assigned;
- Has adequate content knowledge in the subject area to be taught; and
- Has an adequate command of the English language.
A holder of a visiting international endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations is permitted to teach in a bilingual education program in the language that was the medium of instruction in his/her teacher preparation program, provided that he/she passes the English Language Proficiency test or another test of writing skills in English identified by the ISBE in conjunction with the SEPLB.

The visiting international educator endorsement is valid for three years and cannot be renewed.
A paraprofessional educator endorsement on a Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a high school diploma or its equivalent and who holds one of the following:

- An associate’s degree; or
- A minimum of 60 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher education; or
- Has passed a test of basic skills (defined as the ACT Workkeys or the ETS Parapro).
The paraprofessional endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of the endorsement being issued.

The paraprofessional endorsement may be renewed through application and payment of the applicable fee.

An individual who holds only a paraprofessional endorsement is not subject to additional requirements in order to renew the endorsement.
We appreciate your participation in the first webinar-based training series for licensure officers.

If you missed any webinar presentations, please view the archived webinar located at www.isbe.net/certification/default.htm. Scroll to the bottom of the page to access the archived webinars, power points, and responses to questions.

If you are the licensure officer, please complete the form that accompanied the November 7 “Q and A” document and include the dates you attended each webinar or viewed the archived webinar. Submit the form electronically or via fax (217-524-1289) to Linda Jamali at ljamali@isbe.net no later than November 30, 2012. ISBE staff will verify this information.

Every participant is invited to complete the online evaluation form. A link to the survey was sent out on Thursday, November 8. Please submit the survey by November 14 unless you have outstanding webinar sessions to view in the archived format. If you need to view the final two webinar sessions in archived format, please submit the evaluation before November 30, 2012.