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## ROEs/ISCs

### **FALL 2022 ROE-ISC TOUCH POINT**

Thank you to all who attended the Fall 2022 ROE-ISC Touch Point. Copies of the presentation, recorded webinar, and Q&A document have been sent. If you have questions regarding the webinar, please contact Morgan Lovelace at [mlovelac@isbe.net](mailto:mlovelac@isbe.net) or Lauren Whalen at [lwhalen@isbe.net](mailto:lwhalen@isbe.net).

### **NEW LICENSURE SUSPENSIONS & REVOCATIONS**

New licensure suspensions and revocations have been added to our website pursuant to action taken by SEPLB at its Oct. 7 meeting. Please be sure to check this [page](#) for updates and to see if any educators in your region have had action taken on their licenses.

### **PD+**

As a reminder, Regional Offices of Education, Intermediate Service Centers, and districts access PD+ via ELIS for Administrators. Look for the PD+ button in the upper-left hand corner in your ELIS for Administrators account. More information regarding PD+ can be found on our [website](#).

### **SUBSTITUTE LICENSURE**

On Jan. 1, 2023, [Public Act 102-0711](#) will allow a student enrolled in an Illinois approved educator preparation program with 90 semester hours of coursework to qualify for the substitute license. Anyone interested will need to submit an application within their ELIS account. To determine eligibility for licensure under this new law, ISBE will confirm that a candidate's ELIS account shows a professional educator license (PEL) in "pre-completion" status and will verify that the candidate has completed the requisite semester hours of coursework from the entitling institution of higher education (as listed on the pre-completion PEL).

### **PK-8 PARAPROFESSIONALS**

Public Act 102-0711 will allow paraprofessionals to be 18 years of age and serve in a prekindergarten through Grade 8 classroom only, effective Jan. 1, 2023. Districts will be responsible for placing paraprofessionals under the age of 19 at the appropriate grade

level.

### **REFUND REQUESTS**

Our department received a large influx of refund requests during our busy season. Please allow approximately six to eight weeks for refund requests to be processed.

### **LAPSED LICENSES**

As a reminder, all licenses issued prior to July 1, 2022, that have not yet been registered will lapse on Jan. 1, 2023. Please remind educators that their license must be registered in order to be valid for employment.

### **UPDATED RUSH REQUEST FORM**

Our rush request form ([ISBE Form 73-07](#)) has recently been updated. You will now find a reciprocity option under the endorsement column to indicate the applicant is applying for an endorsement via reciprocity.

### **PART 25 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Part 25 is now open for public comment until Jan. 1. Below you will find a summary of the proposed changes. Public comment may be submitted either via email to [rules@isbe.net](mailto:rules@isbe.net) or via standard mail addressed to Agency Rules Coordinator, ISBE, 555 West Monroe Street, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60661. You can monitor the status of the rulemaking on our [website](#). This rulemaking makes changes based on various Public Acts stemming from this past legislative session as well as some agency-initiated changes.

- PA 102-702: Allows the state superintendent to initiate the suspension or revocation of a license, endorsement, or approval for sexual misconduct.
- PA 102-710: Changes the lapsed license reinstatement fee to \$50 and specifies that a retired teacher is not required to pay license registration fees.
- PA 102-713: Allows an individual to obtain a paraprofessional educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations if the individual is at least 18 years of age and will be using the Educator License with Stipulations exclusively for prekindergarten through Grade 8, until the individual reaches the age of 19 years and otherwise meets the criteria for a paraprofessional educator endorsement.
- PA 102-717: Allows a substitute teacher to teach 120 days (rather than 90 days) beginning with the 2021-22 school year through the 2022-23 school year.
- PA 102-852: Reduces the number of professional development hours required for a professional educator licensee by 20 percent for any renewal cycle that includes the 2021-22 school year.

The agency-initiated changes include:

- Adding English learner coursework for initial licensure programs in Illinois.
- Adding new testing options for sign language interpreters.
- Updating the Learning Forward Standards.
- Clarifying the experience that can be used toward Career and Technical Educator licensure to ensure all individuals applying for licensure through this route have valid, relevant work experience.
- Extending the availability of all short-term approvals by an additional three years (from 2023 to 2026).
- Clarifying that individuals with a lapsed license cannot apply for new endorsements until the license is reinstated.

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## **ELEMENTARY MATH SPECIALIST ENDORSEMENT**

A new Elementary Math Specialist Endorsement option has been added to the Illinois Administrative Rules under 25.100 (k). Illinois institutions of higher education that are recognized to offer educator preparation programs may now submit a program proposal for review by ISBE staff and the State Educator Preparation Licensure Board (SEPLB) for approval. ISBE is currently working with the Illinois Licensure Testing System to develop the required content exam for this endorsement. If there are higher education faculty members who may be interested in serving on the committee to develop this exam, please reach out to Bess Johnson at [ljohnso@isbe.net](mailto:ljohnso@isbe.net). The program proposal document can be found on the ISBE [website](#) under Educator Preparation Program Resources.

## **EPP-RELATED QUESTIONS?**

All institutions of higher education should please send their educator preparation-related questions to [preparation@isbe.net](mailto:preparation@isbe.net) until our department is able to onboard new team members. All emails will be answered in the order received. We appreciate your patience.

## **LICENSURE OFFICER TRAINING**

The licensure officer training can now be found on our [website](#), including the recording and presentation.

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