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Look for this newsletter as your regular communication from the Educator Effectiveness Team. For more information regarding educator preparedness and licensure updates, please visit isbe.net/link.

ROEs/ISCs

UPDATED WEBSITE

The licensure forms [webpage](#) received a facelift. Our forms page is now organized by category. Simply click on the applicable drop-down menu to locate your form.

EDTPA WAIVER EXTENDED

Governor Prizker signed an executive order that extends the state disaster proclamation through July 24, 2021. Therefore, the edTPA will continue to be waived through June 30, 2022. For more information regarding the edTPA, please review this helpful [document](#) from our website.

PART 25 WEBINAR

Part 25 changes to licensure rules were approved and are now effective. The licensure team will host a live zoom training for ROEs and ISCs from 9-11 a.m. Friday, July 9. During the training, the licensure team will review the Part 25 changes that are most applicable to ROEs, ISCs, and school districts. The licensure team will also be available to answer your questions. The meeting invitation was sent to all ROEs and ISCs on Wednesday, June 30. For more information, you may reach out to [Morgan Lovelace](#).

NEW PREVIOUS QUALIFICATIONS

We have created a helpful one-pager regarding the Part 1 Previous Qualification changes. Please share this one-pager with school districts within your region. This has also been posted to our [website](#).

EDUCATOR LICENSE RENEWALS

As a reminder, summer is the busy season for the licensure team. Please be patient while our team moves as quickly and diligently as possible to process applications and documentation.

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED RULES

Illinois Administrative Rule Parts 20 (Standards for Endorsements in Elementary Education), 26 (Standards for Endorsements in Early Childhood and Elementary Education), and 28 (Standards for Endorsements in Special Education) are open for public comment until July 25. Links to full text and summary of action, as well as the process to submit public comment, can be found on the [website](#).

NATIONAL STANDARDS ALIGNMENT

National Standards alignment for all special education (full approved) programs must be aligned by October 1. Use the [National Standards Transition Guide](#) for additional guidance and resources.

SUBMIT YOUR ENDORSEMENT MATRIX

As a new school year approaches, it is time to submit/re-submit endorsement matrices for subsequent endorsements. Please send us updates to course names (e.g., prefix, course options, etc.) and course catalogs.

Blank matrix templates are found on the [website](#), under Educator Preparation Program Resources-Endorsement Matrix Documents. Matrices are available for the following endorsements: Early Childhood, Elementary Education, ESL/Bilingual, LSBI, Safety and Drivers Ed, etc. Once complete, send the matrix to your ISBE liaison for review and approval. Don't know what you already have on file? Ask your liaison! We can provide that information, and you can make updates from there. Updated matrices allow former and current educators to apply through ISBE and ensure a smooth evaluation, as often times transcripts can be hard to read or course titles/topics are unclear. A new website will be available to advertise these courses for your IHE.

PART 25 LICENSURE RULES

Part 25 changes to licensure rules were approved and are now effective. Part 25 rules include changes to PEL requirements, alternative licensure program requirements, and the addition of new short-term approvals. The recorded webinar, powerpoint, and a summary of rule changes can be found on the Licensure Officer [Website](#).

JOIN THE ISBE TEAM

The Educator Effectiveness Department has an open position on the Preparation Team. This [position](#) is responsible for leading and participating in a variety of projects and initiatives related to educator preparation and licensure. We are looking for someone with prior work experience in a college/university education department, admissions office, or advising office. The position will be open until filled.

ELIS Updates

CONTENT TEST UPLOADS

The batch upload issue has been resolved. All test scores have been uploaded into ELIS.

In the Spotlight

This month, we are honoring Kelly Blake Karstrand. She has been teaching high school French for 25 years in the Chicago area. Ms. Karstrand received the Illinois French Teacher of the Year Award in 2019 from the American Association of Teachers of French. To read the full story, visit isbe.net/link.





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