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Illinois
Professional Educator Licenses with Stipulations – Paraprofessional
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New Illinois Educator Licensure Act

- Parts of the Act already in effect
  August 26, 2012 (SB 1799 signed into law)
- Other effective dates:
  - January 1, 2012
  - February 1, 2012
  - July 1, 2012
  - Most by July 1, 2013
  - September 1, 2014
  - July 1, 2015
  - July 1, 2019
Illinois Professional Educator Licensure

- Begins between June 1 and July 1, 2013
- Currently over 30 types of certificates converting to one professional educator license per person
- All certificates will be exchanged for
  - Professional Educator Licenses, or
  - Professional Educator Licenses with Stipulations, or
  - Substitute Licenses
- Licenses viewed online in new Licensure System
- Apply online, renew online
- A single license per educator
  - Containing ALL qualifications
- Leveled certificate system ends
  - No initial, standard or master teaching certificates
- Most Licenses valid for five years
## Exchange Examples

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Professional Educator License with Stipulations

- Issued for specific circumstances that do not fit Illinois professional educator licensure programs
- Does not require completion of an Illinois approved educator program
- Issued with particular endorsement
- Most are non-renewable
- Cannot be used for employment to REPLACE any presently employed teacher who would otherwise not be replaced
Professional Educator License with Stipulations – Endorsements

- Paraprofessional educator
- Provisional educator
- Alternative provisional educator
- Alternative provisional superintendent
- Resident teacher endorsement
- Career and technical educator
- Provisional career and technical educator
- Transitional bilingual
- Language endorsement
- Visiting international educator
Professional Educator License with Stipulations

- **Paraprofessional educator**
  - Replaces TAS–N approval
    - Associate’s degree or higher
    - OR
    - 60 semester hours of credit from regionally accredited college or university plus proof of high school graduation
    - OR
    - Pass a test of basic skills (currently ACT Work Keys or ETS Parapro) plus proof of high school graduation
  - Current TA or TAS receives letter of approval valid for non–Title 1 assignments; TA, TAS no longer available
  - No parapro license available for less than 60 hours
Paraprofessional Educator cont

- Valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of the endorsement being issued
- Renewed with payment of registration fee (no application fee)
- Will be issued when Illinois transitions to new licensure, and will be assigned an expiration date
- No professional development requirements for renewal
ALERT! Correct Email Address

- With *licensure* going electronic in Illinois, email addresses will **HAVE TO BE CORRECT** in ELIS.
- Can you help ISBE make that happen?
  - Get the word out to all paras in your District
  - Get the word out to your administrators
Keeping On Top of Registration and Renewal

Reading the ECS Credentials Screen
What your credentials should show
A PEAK INTO OUR CRYSTAL BALL!

- When ELIS takes over
  - Renewals will be simpler
    - No P. D. activities recorded in ELIS
    - Electronic statement of assurance
    - Renewal and registration
    - Audit of activities after renewal

- We have been told that there will be no access to ECS when ELIS moves in.

- Educators who rely on their entries in ECS will want to print out their record before 07/01/2013.
**Other Information**

- NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES with licensure
  - By State Board on ELIS
  - Critical to get the word out:
    - ROE’s
    - Districts
    - Unions and associations
To wrap it up:

- All this information will be posted on the IEA website on the ESP page:
  - [www.ieanea.org/members/esp](http://www.ieanea.org/members/esp)

- Feel free to contact Cathy or Daryl with any questions, concerns or problems you encounter regarding the change to licensure.