



THE EXCHANGE

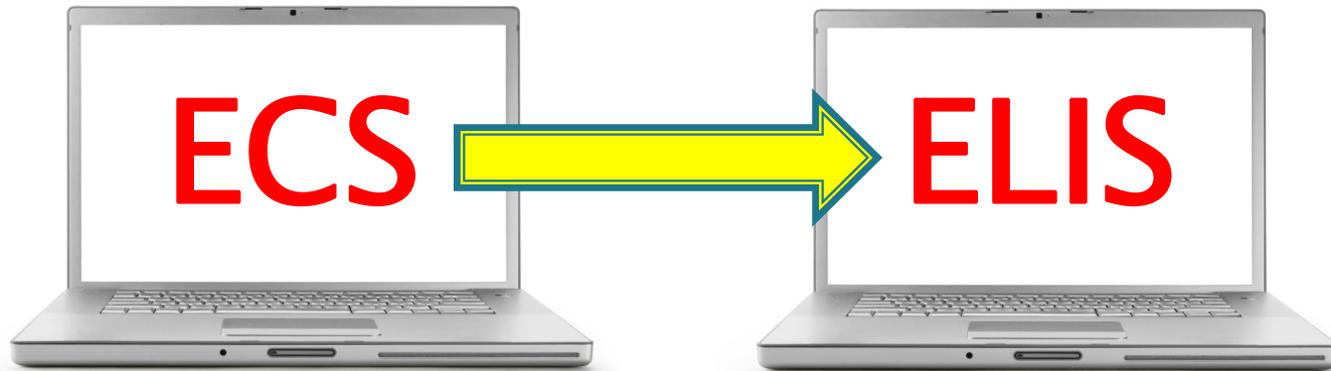
Public Act 97-0607 (SB 1799 signed into law on August 26, 2012)

**All Illinois certificates will automatically transition to a licensure system on
July 1, 2013**

All applying, registering, and renewing will be done **ONLINE ONLY**, including the paying of fees.



EDUCATOR LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM



Educator credentials will be listed in the new **Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS)** which will replace the current Educator Certification System (ECS) on **July 1, 2013**.

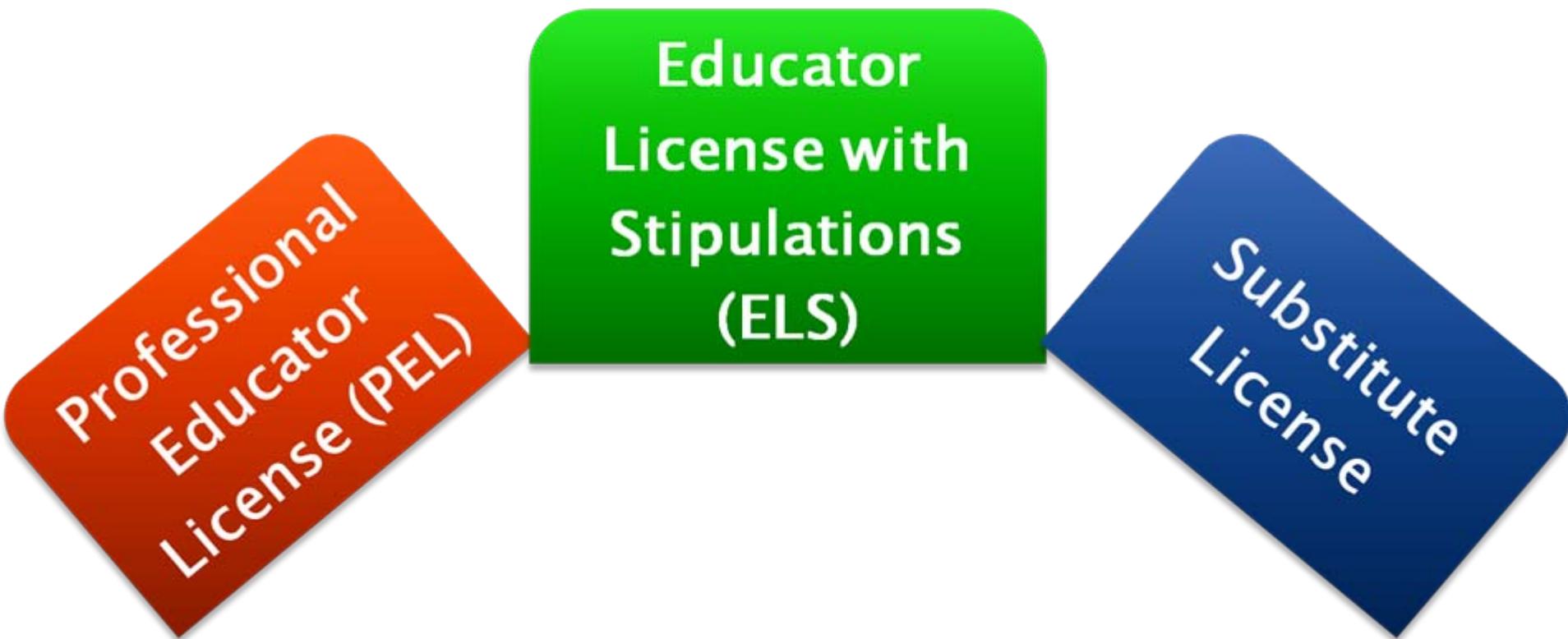


EXAMPLE OF THE EXCHANGE

TYPE 75 ADMINISTRATIVE CERTIFICATE	PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSE (PEL)
ENDORSEMENTS	ENDORSEMENTS
General Administrative – Principal Endorsement Valid for Grades K – 12	General Administrative Endorsement Valid for Grades K – 12
TYPE 03 Elementary Education TEACHING CERTIFICATE	
ENDORSEMENTS	
Valid for Self-contained Grades K – 9	Elementary Education Valid for Self-contained Grades K – 9
Middle School Language Arts	Middle Level Language Arts
Middle School Mathematics	Middle Level Mathematics



ONLY THREE TYPES OF LICENSES



Current endorsements **will transfer to your new license**, and it is possible for you to **hold multiple types of licenses**.

Fees

- ▶ To apply for PEL, ELS, or Sub: \$75
- ▶ To register your PEL, ELS, or Sub: \$10/year for 5 years
- ▶ Out of state application: \$150
- ▶ License endorsements: \$50
- ▶ If you apply for a PEL, but have deficiencies, you will have to pay again to get the ELS (provisional).

Grade levels, Subject Areas, and Endorsements

- ▶ Each license will include the administrative or subject areas and grade levels in which the holder is qualified to hold positions.
- ▶ For this first Exchange the previous credentials will be reflected on the license, so you may see “Middle Level” for the grade range. In the future, however, a person may see “Grades 5 – 8” in place of the words “Middle Level.”
- ▶ A subsequent endorsement for the same grade level may be added to the PEL. Requirements are determined by the type of endorsement and specified in administrative rule. Content area tests must still be passed before the endorsement may be issued.

Validity Periods

- ▶ Each **type** of license will have to be registered and a separate fee paid.
- ▶ Like certificates, all educator licenses will lapse 6 months after the last date of registration.
- ▶ Your new license will be valid for the same time period as your current certificate. It will have to be registered the same year your certificate is now scheduled to renew. You should check in ELIS in July to confirm your next registration date to make sure you do not miss it.



INITIAL CERTIFICATE

- Initial Certificates will be exchanged for a Professional Educator License (PEL).
- The license is **valid** for the **time remaining**
- on the current certificate.
- There are **no requirements** for moving from the Initial Certificate to the PEL (certificate tiers will cease to exist).
- If you have completed four years of teaching this year (FY 2013), you do not have to apply for a Standard Certificate and pay the application fee. The Initial Certificate will be exchanged for the PEL at no cost.
- **Keep documentation** of any PD activities.

STANDARD CERTIFICATE

- ▶ Standard Certificates will be exchanged for a PEL or an ELS depending on the types of certificates and endorsements you hold.
- ▶ The license will be valid for the same time period as that remaining on your current certificate, and must be registered by that date to remain valid.
- ▶ Since renewal requirements have not been finalized for the license, keep any documentation or Evidence of Completion Forms that you have in case those activities are eligible to renew your license.



ADMINISTRATIVE CERTIFICATE

Current administrative certificates will be exchanged for an appropriate **endorsement on a Professional Educator License**:

- 1) Director of Special Education;
- 2) General Administrative;
- 3) Chief School Business Official;
- 4) Superintendent; or
- 5) General Supervisory.

As of 9/1/2012, no one was admitted to a program for the GA certificate. Those currently in GA programs, must finish by 9/1/2014.



GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ENDORSEMENT

- May be converted to the **new Principal endorsement** upon application by **7/1/2015**. This will qualify you to work as a principal or assistant principal only.
- To qualify, **one year of administrative experience** is required on a valid Gen Admin within the **past five years**.
- May be converted to Principal endorsement until **7/1/2019** with additional requirements.
- If the conversion to the Principal endorsement is not selected, the GA endorsement on the license will continue to be valid for employment in the same positions as allowed with the certificate.



MASTER TEACHING CERTIFICATE

- ▶ The NBPTS designation will be added to the PEL, but will remain on the license only while the licensee maintains NBPTS certification.
- ▶ If an endorsement was placed on a Master Teacher Certificate prior to 7/1/2012, the certificate will be exchanged for a PEL with the same endorsement.
- ▶ Any individual who is issued an NBPTS designation on a PEL after July 1, 2012 may work as a teacher only in a content area for which he or she holds the required **Illinois endorsement.**
- ▶ If the licensee chooses not to renew with NBPTS, the designation will be removed from the PEL.



SCHOOL SERVICE PERSONNEL CERTIFICATE

School Service Personnel Certificates will be exchanged for a Professional Educator License (PEL) with any of the following endorsements that apply:

- 1) School Counselor,
- 2) School Nurse,
- 3) School Social Worker,
- 4) School Psychologist, and/or
- 5) Speech and Language Pathologist
(non-teaching).

Provisional for Out-of-State

- ▶ Out-of-State should apply before July 1st
 - Valid 2 full school years and may teach during that time
 - One Year Application Validity
 - Reapply Regardless
 - New Requirements are possible with each new application
 - Pass TAP and Content Area Tests prior to Issuance
 - Minimum 15 hours of Coursework in Content Area
 - Possess Out-of-State Certificate
 - *PEL – 4 Methods Classes & APT + Application*
 - **NO Principal Provisional** unless program is deemed equivalent to Illinois programs



LICENSE RENEWAL

- ▶ New statutes have not been adopted yet!
- ▶ Maintain Evidence of Completion Forms and appropriate documentation for all professional development activities completed during the renewal period of the certificate in case it may be used for renewal of the license.
- ▶ Administrators should continue attending one Illinois Administrators' Academy (IAA) course each year. All courses completed will transfer to the new ELIS database.



SUSPENDED AND LAPSED CERTIFICATES

Suspended or lapsed certificates at the time of the exchange will be exchanged for a license with the appropriate endorsements, but suspended or lapsed endorsements will be listed as “invalid” until reinstated.

If an individual has had his or her PEL or ELS suspended or revoked, then that individual is **not eligible to apply for and obtain** a new Substitute License.



LAPSED LICENSES

Lapsed licenses will remain invalid until the licensee completes 9 semester hours of coursework or pays a \$500 penalty fee and all back registration fees.

If an educator's license is not fully registered by the start of school, educator may NOT be employed.





VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

- ▶ **One** opportunity each **10 years** to surrender endorsements.
- ▶ May **surrender one or more endorsements** on a PEL or ELS.
- ▶ May not apply for that same endorsement again for a period of 10 years.
- ▶ **All requirements** at the time of the new application must be met (e.g. additional courses or tests).

Recommendations

Log on ASAP to ECS at www.isbe.net/ECS

- Update email (My Profile, Account Settings)
- Update address and phone (My Profile, Personal Settings)
- Print Current Credentials in the My Credentials section
- Print any professional development activities that you have recorded
- If you have a 2013 renewal, renew NOW (definitely by June 1) and then print your statement of assurance after it is approved and keep for your records.



YOUR NEW EDUCATOR LICENSE

If you have any questions, please contact your

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You may visit the **ISBE** website at

www.isbe.net/certification/default.htm

to keep updated with the latest information.