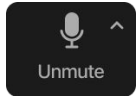
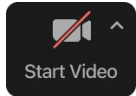


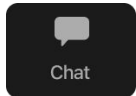
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact LDOEcommunications@la.gov.



Educator Certification Monthly Call

December 18, 2023



Certification Processing by the Numbers

- October 2023
 - 4,532 Applications Processed
 - 74% Processed within 15 Business Days
 - 1203 Questions Answered
 - 90% Questions Answered within 5 Business Days
- November 2023
 - 2648 Applications Processed
 - 98.6% Processed within 15 Business Days
 - 944 Questions Answered
 - 93.4% Questions Answered within 5 Business Days



Certification Processing Reminders



Literacy Requirements

Beginning **January 1, 2024**, Out-of-State applicants authorized to teach grades K-3 not meeting exam requirements with experience will need to take the Teaching of Reading exam in addition to content and pedagogy exams.



Add-on Literacy Requirements

For add-on purposes, general reading and literacy hours may be fulfilled with:

- the indicated semester hours
- equivalent contact hours or
- passing the adopted Teaching of Reading [exam](#)
- Successful completion of the BESE-approved [literacy foundations training](#) *may* be accepted for the number of hours approved per program

LETRS completion certificates must be verified by LouisianaLiteracy@la.gov for add-on credit.



Resident Certificates

For resident certificates with the January 2024 - December 2024 residency term, if issued, they will show as **invalid** until January 2024.

Please check resident certificates recently issued to ensure the validity matches the residency term.



Method of Evaluation

As a result of the policy changes, the experience verification form will be a required part of most applications.

- If an educator served in a public school, we will be looking for Compass evaluations.
- If an educator served in a nonpublic school, we will be looking for local personnel evaluations.
- If an educator is contracted to a public school, we will be looking for employer evaluations from a BESE-approved entity.

Nonpublic or asterisk (*) certificates are **no longer** being issued.

Please use the [Method of Evaluation Guidance document](#) for more details.



Experience Verification Form

- Format is changed - **landscape** format
- All fields must be completed for each school year or role (mm/yyyy)
- Employment setting is **required** (public/charter, nonpublic, or company)
- Evaluation method must be chosen:
 - Compass - [CIS verification](#)
 - Local Personnel - include [Local Evaluation Attestation](#)
 - Employer (contract company) - include [Employer Evaluation Attestation](#)
 - **Cannot be evaluated** - include **job description**

LA School System (Out of State Experience must be verified on form linked here)	NAME OF SCHOOL	Type of School	Dates of Service MM/YYYY-MM/YYYY <small>(e.g. 08/2018-06/2020 -or- 08/2019 - current)</small>	Grade Level(s)	Subject Taught or Service Provided	Employee's Role/Job Title <small>(e.g. Teacher, Substitute, Principal, District Leader, etc.) If role is unique, include a job description.</small>	Method of Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compass - Verify in CIS • Local Evaluation • Employer Evaluation • Cannot Be Evaluated - include a job description
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Certification Status Changes

Certification renewal is based upon effective evaluations in a Louisiana approved school.

Non-Practicing status:

- Teachers or leaders who are **not serving/employed** or who are serving in another state/country
- Educators **serving on Educational Leader** certificates (EDL) should place their **teaching** certificates into **non-practicing** status
 - **EDL** would be placed into **non-practicing** while serving on the **teaching certificate**
- The requested **effective date** of non-practicing status should be the **last date of employment in the evaluated role, within the certificate's validity, no earlier than August 1, 2012**



Certification Status Changes

Certification renewal is based upon effective evaluations via Compass.

Operational Role status:

- **Teachers** who are serving in a public school setting in roles that **cannot be evaluated per student growth measures via Compass.**
- Operational Role status shall take effect on the **first day of employment** in a role that **cannot be evaluated per student growth measures**
- **EDL** certificates **are not** placed into operational role

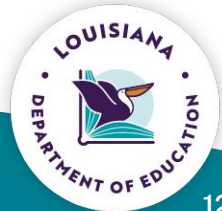
Accurate experience verification forms must be included with all status change requests. Requests for Operational Role should include a job description to determine eligibility. This is now noted on the updated experience verification form available in the October 2023 published Renewal, Higher, Status change application.



Self-Evaluations

Best practice for submitting the required self-evaluations include:

- Indicating the course titles
- Indicating the course numbers
- Include course descriptions



TAT Renewals

Applicants must pass or attempt all required exams for admission into a teacher preparation program. Exams that do not meet this requirement include:

- Geometry
- Algebra
- Core Knowledge Exams
- Pedagogy Exams (Special Education, or PLT)



Q&A





Important Dates

December 19: Louisiana Literacy Advisory Commission

December 25: Christmas Day (State Holiday)

December 26: Declared State Holiday

January 1: New Year's Day (State Holiday)

January 2: Declared State Holiday

January 3: Certification Email Blast





Important Dates

January 8: Inauguration Day (BR Office State Holiday)

January 15: Martin Luther King Day (State Holiday)

January 16: BESE Committee Meetings

January 17: BESE Meeting

January 22: Certification Monthly Call





Supports and Resources

- [School System Support Calendar](#)
- [Educator Resource Guide](#)
- [School System Planning Resources](#)
- [Family Support Toolbox Library](#)
- [Certification Bulletin, Bulletin 746](#)
- [Online Teacher Certification Portal, Teach LA Live!](#)

