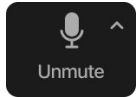
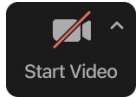


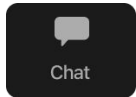
Zoom Meeting Preparation



- Please make sure your phone or computer is muted to minimize background noise.
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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 and Credentialing Monthly Call

October 21, 2024



Certification Processing by the Numbers

- August 2024
 - 3342 Applications Processed
 - 35% Processed within 15 Business Days
 - 75.8% Processed within 20 Business Days
 - 1131 Questions Answered
 - 96.7% Questions Answered within 5 Business Days
- September 2024
 - 3465 Applications Processed
 - 35% Processed within 15 Business Days
 - 972 Questions Answered
 - 94.7% Questions Answered within 5 Business Days



Literacy requirement update

Pursuant to an updated legal opinion on October 10, 2024, regarding the 9/1/2024 literacy requirements, our office has been working on reopening and processing the following:

- Any evaluation application that was denied **only** due to the 9/1/2024 literacy requirement(s);
- Any Evaluation, Add-on, Course Approval and Name Change(EV) application that was kicked back in first-line review but submitted prior to 9/1/2024 and was impacted by the 9/1/2024 literacy requirement(s).

Any application **submitted on or after 9/1/2024** will be required to fulfill the literacy requirement(s), which include coursework and/or Teaching of Reading Praxis.



Certification Updates



October BESE Policy Updates

- Computer Science-micro credentials:
 - Adding secondary computer science grades 6-12
 - Adding computer science and STEM grades K-5
- Updates to Montessori Certification
- Removing the ratings **highly effective** and **effective proficient** in TEP and aligning renewal with the standards of effectiveness in accordance with Bulletin 130
- Out-of-State Principal and Out-of-State Superintendent updates
- Removing teacher competencies and moving to a separate bulletin

Contact certification@la.gov with questions.



Certification Reminders



Phase 1 of New System

The Teacher Certification Online portal, question and application system is being redesigned in phases.

- **Phase 1** - Question System revamped
 - Testing occurred **June 17** through **July 17**
 - Implementation is scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, October 22nd (after business hours)
 - Users will need:
 - [MyLa account](#)
 - EdLink Security access (HR/Prep user roles only)
 - Access to the Teacher Certification ZenDesk Help Center

Contact Certification@la.gov with any questions.



Certification Monthly Calls

Beginning this month, there will be a [new zoom link](#) for the 2024-2025 school year. Calls will be held on the following dates for the new school year.

November 18, at 10:30 a.m.	December 16, at 10:30 a.m.	January 27, at 10:30 a.m.
February 24, at 10:30 a.m.	March 17, at 10:30 a.m.	April 28, at 10:30 a.m.
May 19, at 10:30 a.m.	June 16, at 10:30 a.m.	July 21, at 10:30 a.m.

Please contact certification@la.gov with questions.



EDL 1 Alternate Pathway 4: MPA, MBA, JD and US Military Officers

- Boot Camp is **scheduled for January 6-8, 2025**
- Teaching and Learning team members will present topics to include:
 - Instruction and support focused on six domains of the Louisiana Leader Rubric
 - Instructional Leadership Team structure and process
 - Instruction and implementation of high-quality instructional materials
- Please forward the [bootcamp application](#) to employees who are interested in becoming school leaders and hold an MPA, MBA, or JD, or be honorably discharged commissioned officers from US Military branches.



Educator Background Credentialing



Credential Clearance for Certification

Effective **January 1, 2025** Louisiana law ([R.S. 17:8.9](#)) requires criminal background checks (CBCs) for **credentialing**. This law is much more comprehensive than what has historically been in place where the CBC was requested and required for employment purposes ([R.S. 17:15](#)).

A criminal history check will be required **before** a credential can be issued.

If a person has already been issued a credential prior to implementation of this new law, and the LDOE **does not have a cleared CBC** for that person, the credentialed individual will be required to complete the CBC process at the time of applying for renewal, advancement, or modification.

BESE has established policy, just off of Notice of Intent (NOI), that defines specifics such as the acceptable age of a CBC for credentialing purposes.



Actions & Sanctions

Certification may be denied, suspended, or revoked for:

- Conviction of or nolo contendere plea to a crime listed in [LA R.S. 15:587.1\(C\)](#) even if dismissed per Article 893/894, expunged, or granted first offender pardon
- Conviction of or nolo contendere plea to **any felony** even if dismissed per Article 893/894, expunged, or granted first offender pardon
- Submitting fraudulent certification documentation to BESE or LDOE
- Facilitating cheating on any state assessment
- Censure of another professional credential/license

Reinstatement via a records review may be considered by BESE based on appeal law and policy outlined in Bulletin 746.



Rap Backs

A rap back is an updated criminal history check provided to LDOE when there is subsequent criminal activity of individuals whose criminal background checks were completed pursuant to [R.S. 17:8.9](#), the law allowing CBCs for the purposes of credentialing.

After an individual has submitted fingerprints for the purposes of a criminal background check **for credentialing**, state law allows for follow-up rap backs to be provided to LDOE pursuant to [R.S. 15:587.1 B](#). The rap backs include state information only.

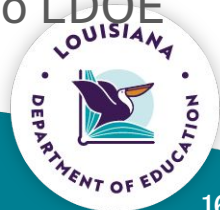


Background Credentialing Partnership

The new law requires a shared responsibility.

- **BESE** - establishes policies for checks, including obtaining fingerprints and requesting information from state and federal bureaus.
- **LDOE** - reviews the contents of the CBC before processing certification, making public any certification denial, suspension, and revocation.
- **PREPARATION PROVIDERS** - assist teacher candidates in applying for the pre-service certificates informing them of the CBC requirement.
- **EMPLOYING SCHOOL SYSTEMS** - notify LDOE upon the termination, resignation, or resignation in lieu of termination of any certified employee within 10 days of separation of service when the action results from conviction for any felony or any offenses listed in R.S. 15:587.1
- **CERTIFIED INDIVIDUALS** - required to report criminal convictions to LDOE within two business days.

Email: EducatorClearance@la.gov



Dates of Importance, Supports and Resources





Important Dates

Oct 30: Preparation Provider Monthly Call

Nov 7: Teacher Certification Appeals Council

Nov 8: Superintendent's' Advisory Council

Nov 8: Montessori Task Force





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!](#)

