

Certification to Licensure Cheat Sheet

Important Note: State Board of Education Resources

- Please review to the official **Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)** to review a comprehensive report of FAQ regarding licensures, endorsements, approvals, and specific terminology references as these references is only a sample of the language of education licenses.
- <http://www.isbe.net/licensure/pdf/ELIS-faq.pdf>
- Please also consult the DePaul College of Education Academic Advising office for any specific requirements regarding certification and to confirm any changes or updates to your impending PEL.

Professional Educator License (PEL)

Overview:

- Individuals now receive a Professional Educator License (PEL) with at least one endorsement (or multiples)
- There is no longer any reference to types (Type 03, 04, 73, 09, 10, etc.) or levels (initial, standard, or master)
- All initial and standard certificates have been converted to professional educator licenses (PEL).

Professional Educator License Endorsements

- The PEL license will be endorsed with **specific areas** and **grade level ranges** in which the holder is eligible to teach
- It is the “endorsement” that indicates the appropriate grade range (instead of the “type” certificate as noted in the past)

Example:

Professional Educator License with Elementary Self Contained endorsement for grades K-9

Multiple Endorsements:

- Individuals that used to have multiple types of certificates now only have one PEL but may have multiple endorsements

Example:

Professional Educator License

- Elementary Self Contained for grades K-9
- School Counselor endorsement for grades K-12

Three Types of Licenses Issued

- Professional Educator License (PEL)
- Educator License with Stipulations (ELS)
- Substitute Teaching License

Note: Once you are issued your Professional Educator License (PEL), you will not need to obtain another license to substitute teach in schools. Your PEL can be shared to apply for substitute teaching positions

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“As you may have heard, the Illinois State Board of Education changed its method of credentialing educators from a *certification system* to a *licensure system* **effective July 1, 2013**. Aside from simple terminology, what this means is that educators in Illinois earn a single license, called a Professional Educator License (PEL), and each subject area and grade level is indicated by an endorsement. Educators have only one PEL but may have multiple endorsements to indicate various subject areas and grade levels.”

Examples:

An individual who completes our approved program in **Elementary Education** with endorsements in middle school language arts and social science may receive the following:

- Professional Educator License (PEL)
 - Elementary Education (Self Contained General Education), kindergarten through grade 9
 - Language Arts, middle school – grade 5 through grade 8
 - Social Science, middle school – grade 5 through grade 8

An individual who completes our approved program in **Secondary Education English** with endorsements in middle school language arts and Spanish may receive the following:

- Professional Educator License (PEL)
 - English Language Arts, senior HS – grade 9 through grade 12
 - Language Arts, middle school – grade 6 through grade 8
 - Foreign Language-Spanish, middle school – grade 6 through grade 8

An individual who completes our approved program in **Early Childhood** may receive the following:

- Professional Educator License (PEL)
 - Early Childhood Education, birth through grade 3
 - Self Contained General Education, birth through grade 3
 - Early Childhood Special Education Approval (additional application & fee required)

An individual who completes our approved program for the **General Administrative* endorsement** will have the endorsement added to his/her PEL and it may look like this:

- Professional Educator License (PEL)
 - General Administrative, kindergarten through grade 12
 - Elementary Education (Self Contained General Education), Kindergarten through grade 9
 - General Science, middle school – grade 5 through grade 8

**Per State law, the General Administration endorsement will not be available after Summer 2014.*

An individual who completes our approved program for the Principal endorsement will have the endorsement added to his or her PEL and it may look like this:

- Professional Educator License (PEL)
 - Principal, kindergarten through grade 12

- English Language Arts, senior HS - grade 9 through grade 12

An individual who completes our approved program in **School Counseling** may receive the following:

- Professional Educator License (PEL)
 - School Counselor, **prekindergarten through grade 12**

An individual who completes our approved program for the **Reading Specialist endorsement** will have the endorsement added to his or her PEL and it may look like this:

- Professional Educator License (PEL)
 - Reading Specialist, kindergarten through grade 12
 - Elementary Education (Self Contained General Education), kindergarten through grade 9
 - ESL, Kindergarten through grade 4
 - ESL, middle school – grade 5 through grade 8

An individual who completes our approved program in **Special & Elementary Education*** with an endorsement in middle school social science may receive the following:

- Professional Educator License (PEL)
 - Learning Behavior Specialist 1, pre-Kindergarten through age 21
 - Elementary Education (Self Contained General Education), kindergarten through grade 9
 - Social Science, middle school – grade 5 through grade 8

**Formally known as the Dual Cert program.*

An individual who completes our approved program for the **LBS1 endorsement (pre-Kindergarten – age 21)** will have the endorsement added to his or her PEL and it may look like this:

- Professional Educator License (PEL)
 - Learning Behavior Specialist 1, pre -Kindergarten through age 21
 - Social Science-History, senior HS - grade 9 through grade 12
 - Social Science, middle school – grade 6 through grade 8

An individual who completes our approved program for the **Superintendent endorsement** will have the endorsement added to his or her PEL and it may look like this:

- Professional Educator License (PEL)
 - Music, kindergarten through grade 12
 - General Administrative, kindergarten through grade 12
 - Superintendent, kindergarten through grade 12

Please note:

In addition to completing an approved program, individuals must pass licensure tests and fulfill other requirements that are specific to the license or endorsement the individual is seeking as indicated by ISBE.

Additional changes

In addition to the change to the PEL, the Illinois State Board changed the requirements for applying for the Early Childhood Special Education Approval. All individuals completing our Early Childhood program earn this approval, however, ISBE now requires a separate application and fee in order to be issued the approval. Because this change went into effect on July 1, 2013 it applies to every individual pursuing the approval from that point forward.

Old Certification System

Important Note: The Transition from Certification to Licensure (PEL) is in effect, July 1, 2013

The following shared the past certification language that is now represented as PEL:

Early Childhood	(Type 04) – Birth to Grade 3
Elementary	(Type 03) – K-Grade 9
Secondary	(Type 09) – Grades 6-12 (Specific content area endorsement required)
Special	(Type 10)- K-12 (one content –area endorsement)
Special Education	(Type 10) – PreK-12
School Service Personnel	(Type 73) – School Counseling
Administrative	(Type 75) - Principal