



## PATHWAYS TO PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSURE IN ILLINOIS

A **Professional Educator License**, or PEL, is required of SLPs in order to work in IL public schools. SLPAs are NOT required to hold PELs at this time, though they are eligible to work in schools (under supervision).

In order to obtain a PEL, confirm:

- Completion of an accredited Masters/Doctoral program and 9 months of full time, supervised professional experience;
- Passage of the PRAXIS/national exam OR hold ASHA certification;
- Apply for/obtain the state professional license from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR). You may begin the PEL application process while awaiting verification of the IDFPR and ASHA CCCs. If you hold ASHA CCCs and an IDFPR license, you may obtain a PEL.

### IN-STATE APPLICANTS

If you've completed an accredited educator preparation program in Illinois:

- Work closely with the program director/advisor to ensure ALL requirements are met to earn the PEL via "entitlement".
- Complete and submit all documentation and fees as **early as possible**; each step will be saved in your ELIS account (see below).

### OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS

If you've completed an accredited educator preparation program outside of Illinois, here are the options:

- Reciprocity--if you hold a valid, out-of-state license comparable to the PEL, you may be licensed via reciprocity (non-entitlement). After creating an ELIS account, upload your valid license to your IMAGES tab in your ELIS account.
- If you hold a Masters degree from an accredited program, but do NOT have a comparable license, complete this form: [ISBE 80-02](#)
- Out-of-State application forms.

### STEP 1: FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Have your regionally accredited institution send OFFICIAL transcripts directly to one of the following:

- [ISBE](#)
- Mail to: IL State Board of Education Educator Effectiveness-E240, 100 N. 1st St., Springfield, IL 62777 OR
- To the [Regional Office of Education \(ROE\)/Intermediate Service Center](#).

### STEP 2:

Create an [ELIS](#) Account. ALL APPLICANTS must create an EDUCATOR LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM account.

### STEP 3:

Choose the endorsement for which you are applying: [PEL Teaching](#) OR [PEL Non-Teaching](#) (a.k.a. School Support Personnel (SLP)).

### STEP 4:

In-state applicants pay the required application fee of \$100.  
Out-of-State applicants pay the required application fee of \$150.

### STEP 5: FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Register your license and pay the \$10 fee. Your license is not ACTIVE until you pay this fee. This fee can be paid annually at \$10, or every 5-year renewal cycle at \$50.