



# EARLY CHILDHOOD ANCILLARY CERTIFICATE

## REMINDER FOR TYPE III EARLY LEARNING CENTERS:

Beginning July 1, 2019, directors must verify that all lead teachers have an Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate (ECAC) as a minimum requirement. Lead teachers employed in the center who do not have the ECAC must earn it within 24 months of their start date as a lead teacher.

### The [Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate \(ECAC\)](#):

- ✓ Can be earned at no cost by presenting a qualifying credential earned from a [BESE-approved ECAC Program](#);
  - Qualifying credentials typically take 9-18 months to obtain.
- ✓ Is valid for three years, and can be renewed for free by demonstrating ongoing professional development; and
- ✓ May qualify teachers for the highest levels of School Readiness Tax Credits (SRTC)

In April 2019, directors of Type III early learning centers will complete their program partner assurances for Academic Approval. **To be in compliance, directors must:**

- Verify that lead teacher have their ECAC as of July 1, 2019; or
- Assure that lead teachers will have the ECAC within 24 months of their start date.

More information about how to qualify for the ECAC can be found here:

<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/early-childhood/early-childhood-ancillary-teaching-certificate-faq.pdf>

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