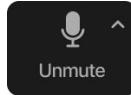
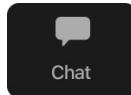


Zoom Meeting Preparation



- Please make sure your phone or computer is muted to minimize background noise.
 - To do this, hover over the bottom left-hand side of your screen and click "Mute."
- Please make sure you have turned off your camera to save bandwidth and prevent any connectivity issues.
 - To do this, hover over the bottom left-hand side of your screen and click "Stop Video."
- 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

December 15, 2025



Agenda

- Opening Remarks and Call Norms
- Processing by the Numbers
- Educator Development Updates
- Educator Background Credentialing Updates
- Louisiana Educator Certification Portal Updates
- Certification Reminders
- Dates of Importance, Support, and Resources



ETWD Call Norms

- **Stay Muted Unless Speaking:** reduce background noise by keeping your microphone muted when not speaking.
- **Use Chat for Questions:** post questions in the chat and a team member will collect and will share answer(s) at the end.
- **Remain On Topic:** keep discussions aligned to the agenda.
- **Avoid Interruptions:** let others finish before responding.
- **Cameras On Encouraged:** while not required, having cameras on supports connection and engagement.
- **Engage Respectfully:** be concise, professional, and respectful in all contributions.

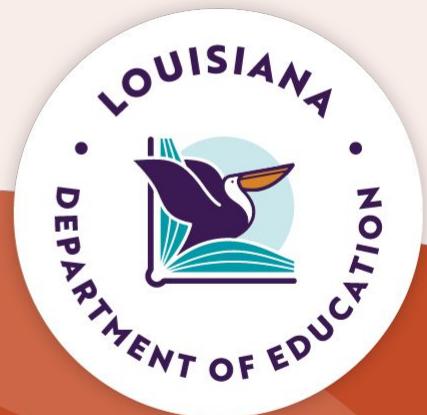


Certification & Credentialing Processing by the Numbers

- November 2025
 - 1,954 Applications Processed
 - Applications Solved within 26 business days
 - 2,746 Questions Solved
 - Questions Solved within 0.7 business days
 - 21,400 Clear Credentials were granted since January 1st.
 - Approximately 1,850 educators were cleared in the month of November.



Educator Development



Mentor and Resident Reporting

Certification	Stipend Eligibility
October 1-Resident, PL, and Mentor Certificates or waivers must be issued.	October 30 -Mentor Teacher Funding snapshot
<p>Resident Valid Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7/1/2025 through 6/30/2026 Fall Starts• 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026 Spring Starts	<p>Resident Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coded as RES, PL, P2, or P3• Resident object code 112 or 115 (Reach)• Function code must begin with 1***• Must FTE greater than 0• Be assigned a certified mentor

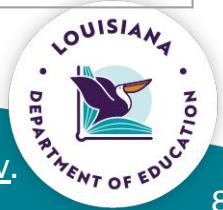
For questions, please contact MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov.



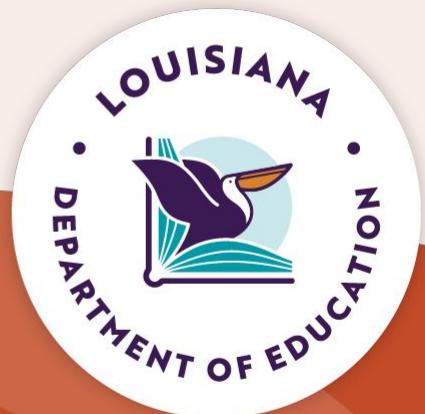
Mentor and Resident Reporting

Certification	Stipend Eligibility
<p>PL Valid Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rolling Enrollment - full calendar year• If certification date is after 10/2 then they will be eligible the following spring and fall semester.	<p>Mentor Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mentor object code 112• Function code must begin with 1***, 2252 (Librarian), or 2230/2231 (Instructional Specialist)• FTE greater than 0• Mentor Teacher Indicator Flag marked YES• Mentor Add-on Certificate or Mentor Waiver

For questions, please contact MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov.



Educator Background Credentialing



The “Clear Credential” is Not a Certificate

- Some applicants and employers are submitting certification requests with payment without a valid or active teaching certificate.
- Applicants are incorrectly citing the “Clear Credential” as a valid certificate.
- The Clear Credential is not a certificate; it is a notation indicating the individual has completed a criminal background check (CBC) for certification with no disqualifying convictions.
- Nothing can be added or changed to a Clear Credential record.
- Requests requiring a valid certificate may not be submitted unless an active teaching certificate is held.

Contact EducatorClearance@la.gov with questions or submit questions through the [Teacher Certification Help Portal](#).



» Certification »

Verify Certification Record:

Use the fields below to search.

Teaching Authorizations (TA) were issued pursuant to Act 634 of the 2018 Legislative Session. The TA is not issued as a result of completing an educator preparation program and is not a teaching certificate.

Clear Credentials (CC) are issued to individuals who have completed and cleared a criminal background check for certification purposes. The CC is not a certificate and does not validate educational credentials or eligibility to teach, lead, or serve in Louisiana schools.

First Name:

Last Name:

Find

Certificate Number:

Find

» Certification

[Certification Home](#)

[Add-on & Ancillary Endorsements](#)

[Verify a Certificate or Teaching Authorization](#)

[Status of a Certification Application](#)

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[Certification FAQs](#)

[Contact Information](#)

Contact EducatorClearance@la.gov with questions or submit questions through the [Teacher Certification Help Portal](#).



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My Applications

Add New Application

Application Directory

 Certification Add-on or EvaluationApplicant Section 

✓ Personal Information

✓ Professional Conduct
Form - Jan 2025 Add Area, Degree, or Designation Section Review

Add Area, Degree, or Designation

Certificates Held:

Number	Certification Type	Issue Date	Valid From	Valid To
682134	 CLEARCREDENTIAL - CLEARED FOR CREDENTIALING	12/23/2024		
496544	A - TEACHING CERTIFICATE	01/12/2010		
087086	B - TEACHING CERTIFICATE	06/28/2000		
151083	C - TEACHING CERTIFICATE	01/29/1997	01/29/1997	01/29/2000

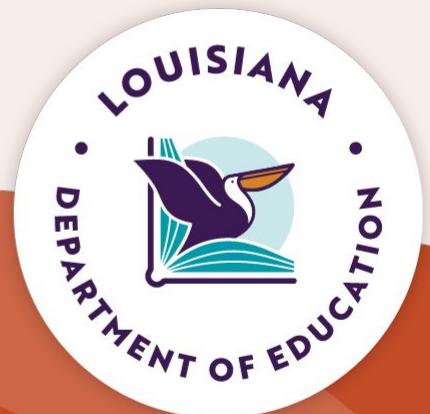
Select the first request you wish to make below.

Selected:

Contact EducatorClearance@la.gov with questions or submit questions through the [Teacher Certification Help Portal](#).



Louisiana Educator Certification Portal



New Features Added

- Clear All button added on In-State Experience Verification forms
- All fields on each entry are now required to prevent incomplete verifications

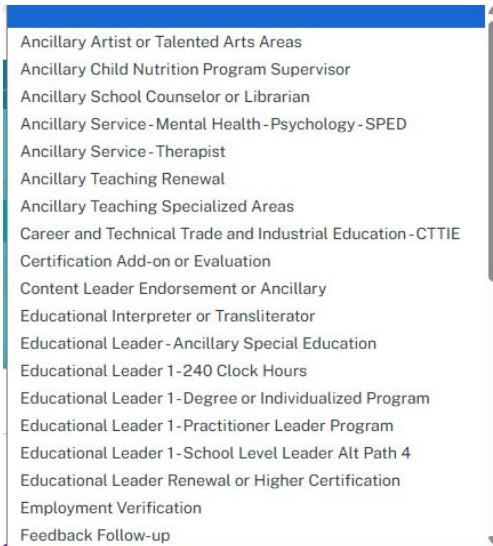
In-State Experience with Upload Options

Teaching Experience:									
+ Add new record		Clear All							
School System	Name of School	Type Of School	Start date	End date	Current	Job Title	Subject	Grades	Method of Evaluation

For questions, contact [Teacher Certification Help Center](#).



New Features Added



Ancillary Artist or Talented Arts Areas
Ancillary Child Nutrition Program Supervisor
Ancillary School Counselor or Librarian
Ancillary Service - Mental Health - Psychology - SPED
Ancillary Service - Therapist
Ancillary Teaching Renewal
Ancillary Teaching Specialized Areas
Career and Technical Trade and Industrial Education - CTTIE
Certification Add-on or Evaluation
Content Leader Endorsement or Ancillary
Educational Interpreter or Transliterator
Educational Leader - Ancillary Special Education
Educational Leader 1 - 240 Clock Hours
Educational Leader 1 - Degree or Individualized Program
Educational Leader 1 - Practitioner Leader Program
Educational Leader 1 - School Level Leader Alt Path 4
Educational Leader Renewal or Higher Certification
Employment Verification
Feedback Follow-up

Include a message to the educator

Cancel Request

- Send Start Application Request picklist is now in alphabetical order

For questions, contact [Teacher Certification Help Center](#)



New Features Added

- **Search for an application...** functionality added to Active Applications

Active Applications

The screenshot shows a user interface for managing applications. At the top right, there is a date input field labeled "From" with a placeholder "mm/dd/yyyy" and a calendar icon. Below this is a search bar containing the placeholder "Search for an application...". The main area features a table with three columns: "Name", "SiteCd", and "Applications". Each column has a downward-pointing arrow icon indicating it is sortable. The "Applications" column has an additional icon at the top right.

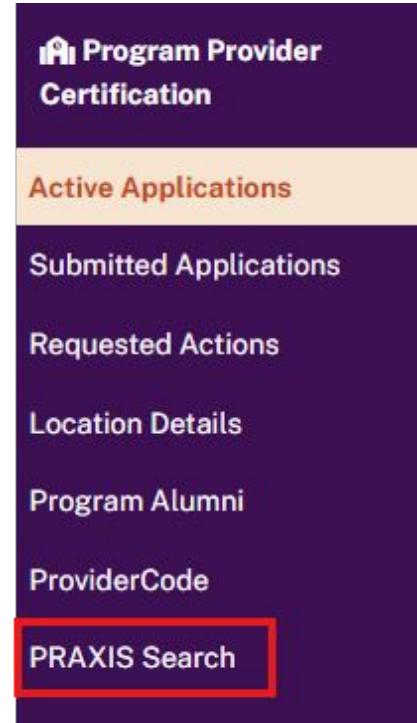
Name	SiteCd	Applications
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For questions, contact [Teacher Certification Help Center](#)



New Features Added

- A PRAXIS Search feature is now available for authenticated Program Providers

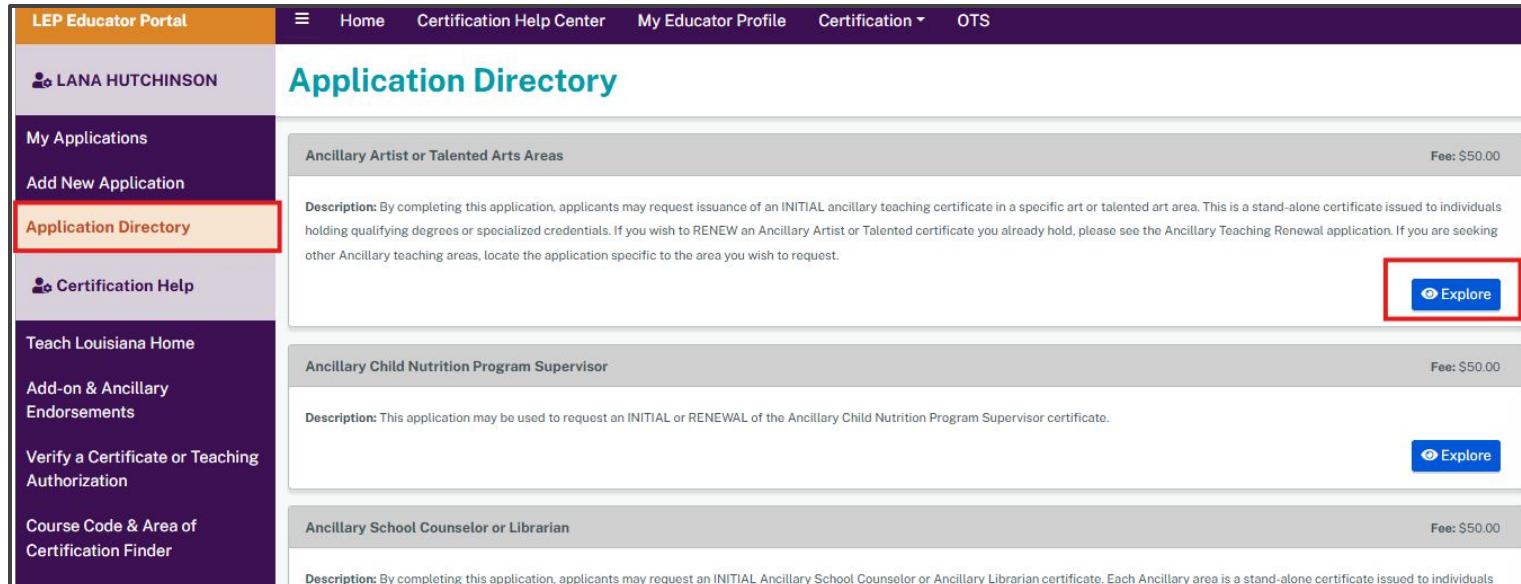


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New Features Added

- Application Directory with Preview



LEP Educator Portal

Home Certification Help Center My Educator Profile Certification OTS

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My Applications Add New Application Application Directory Certification Help Teach Louisiana Home Add-on & Ancillary Endorsements Verify a Certificate or Teaching Authorization Course Code & Area of Certification Finder

Application Directory

Ancillary Artist or Talented Arts Areas Fee: \$50.00

Description: By completing this application, applicants may request issuance of an INITIAL ancillary teaching certificate in a specific art or talented art area. This is a stand-alone certificate issued to individuals holding qualifying degrees or specialized credentials. If you wish to RENEW an Ancillary Artist or Talented certificate you already hold, please see the Ancillary Teaching Renewal application. If you are seeking other Ancillary teaching areas, locate the application specific to the area you wish to request.

Explore

Ancillary Child Nutrition Program Supervisor Fee: \$50.00

Description: This application may be used to request an INITIAL or RENEWAL of the Ancillary Child Nutrition Program Supervisor certificate.

Explore

Ancillary School Counselor or Librarian Fee: \$50.00

Description: By completing this application, applicants may request an INITIAL Ancillary School Counselor or Ancillary Librarian certificate. Each Ancillary area is a stand-alone certificate issued to individuals

For questions, contact [Teacher Certification Help Center](#).



New Features Added

- Processed Application History



A screenshot of the Teach Louisiana certification search interface. The page title is "teach louisiana". The navigation bar includes "HOME/LOGIN", "CERTIFICATION", and "PREPARATION". The main content area is titled "» Certification »" and contains a form to "Enter Applicant's Name" with fields for "First Name" and "Last Name" and a "Find" button. A note below the form states: "Please note that certification requests are evaluated in the order in which they were received and within 10 to 15 business days of receipt by our office. Please also note that certification requests are routed through the central mail room. It typically takes 2 business days for mail to reach the certification team from the mail room." At the bottom, a note says: "If you are unable to locate your certification request under your married name, please enter your maiden name."

For questions, contact [Teacher Certification Help Center](#).



New Features Added

- Application Type in Processed Applications History/Status of a Certification Application

Case #	640626
Application	Educational Leader Renewal or Higher Certification
Opened	Nov 7 2025
Status	Nov 10 2025 : Case Closed (Request Received & Processed) [Morgan Fitch]
 Nov 10 2025 Letter: Educational Leader	
<p>Your request for Louisiana certification as an Educational Leader has been received and processed.</p> <p>Other: This is the first of up to two one-year extensions allowed by Bulletin 746. If you have additional certification questions, please feel free to contact the Louisiana Department of Education's Teacher Certification Help Center by visiting https://teachercherthelp.doe.louisiana.gov/. Click on "Sign in" at the top, right corner to create and/or access your account.</p>	
Morgan Fitch	
Case #	633248
Application	N/A
Opened	Sep 19 2025
Status	Sep 19 2025 : Case Closed (Request Received & Processed) [Melanie Edmonds]
Case #	632155
Application	Fingerprint Clearance Required Before Proceeding
Opened	Sep 16 2025
Status	Sep 16 2025 : Case Closed (Request Received & Processed) []

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Spotlight - Reading the Certificates Held

Many applications display the certificates held by the applicant to assist with determining the correct request to be made.

CERTIFICATES HELD				
NUMBER	CERTIFICATION TYPE	ISSUE DATE	VALID FROM	VALID TO
701112	CLEARCREDENTIAL - CLEARED FOR CREDENTIALING	07/30/2025		
655404	OFAT - OUT-OF-FIELD AUTHORITY TO TEACH	03/20/2023	07/01/2022	06/30/2025
655401	LEVEL 3 - TEACHING CERTIFICATE	03/20/2023	03/20/2023	03/20/2028
598689	LEVEL 1 - TEACHING CERTIFICATE	03/19/2019	03/19/2019	03/19/2023
564711	OFAT - OUT-OF-FIELD AUTHORITY TO TEACH	10/19/2016	07/01/2016	06/30/2019
562648	OS - OUT-OF-STATE CERTIFICATE	09/06/2016	09/06/2016	09/06/2019



Spotlight - Asking Questions

- Ways to ask a question:
 - Submit a request through the [Teacher Certification Help Center](#).
 - Preferred for most inquiries
 - Available to **all** stakeholders
 - Retained in Request History if you login before submitting
 - Email certification@la.gov.
 - Creates a ticket in the Help Center with limited information
 - Available to **all** stakeholders
 - May be retained in Request History if message sent from a registered email address

For questions, contact [Teacher Certification Help Center](#).



Spotlight - Asking Questions

- Ways to ask a question:
 - [Schedule Office Hours](#)
 - Only available to authorized HR and Preparation Provider personnel
 - Best for complex questions where discussion is needed
 - Must be logged in to the [Certification Office Hours](#) portal to submit the required pre-question and schedule a time slot

[Office Hours - Teacher Certification](#)[Visit Teacher Certification](#)[Visit Certification Appeals](#)[Submit a request](#)

For questions, contact [Teacher Certification Help Center](#).



Spotlight - Asking Questions

- Best practices when asking questions:
 - Include name(s) and certificate(s) numbers
 - Provide as much detailed information as possible
 - Login when submitting to save questions and responses in your history
 - Ensure you clearly ask the specific question you need answered
 - If emailing a question, use your school/program email address or include identifying information
 - Advise educators to include full name as it appears on the certificate and/or certificate number when contacting our office

For questions, contact [Teacher Certification Help Center](#).



Dates of Importance, Supports, and Resources





Important Dates

December 17: [Preparation Provider Monthly Call](#)

December 24-26: Christmas holiday (State Office closed)

December 31-Jan 2: New Year's (State Office closed)



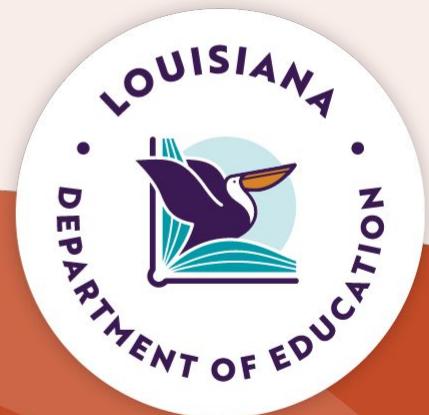


Supports and Resources

- [School System Support Calendar](#)
- [Educator Resource Guide](#)
- [School System Planning Resources](#)
- [Family Support Toolbox Library](#)
- [Certification Bulletin, Bulletin 746](#)
- [TeachLouisiana.net](#)
- [Louisiana Educator Portal \(LEP\)](#)



Certification Reminders



HR and Provider Access Requirements

LEC has been integrated into the [Louisiana Educator Portal](#) (LEP).

- Individuals granted HR or Preparation Provider permissions must be included in the Authorized Signatures on file with our office.
- Send a request through the [Teacher Certification Help Center](#) if you need guidance on requesting permissions or updating Authorized Signatures.



Available LEC Resources

Resources posted on TeachLouisiana.net:

- User guides specific to each role
- Recorded training sessions for HR and Preparation Providers are available by logging in to an authorized account
- List of LEC applications with descriptions
 - [Alphabetical list](#)
 - [Crosswalk from PDF applications to LEC applications](#)
- [Logging into the Louisiana Educator Portal - Individual Applicants](#) article on the Teacher Certification Help Center

Who should I contact for LEC support?

- K12 public school or public charter login issues: contact your local security coordinator and/or data administrator. If unresolvable, your LEA contact can reach out to LDOE Data Systems Support.
- Anyone not employed in a K12 traditional public or public charter school - preparation providers, candidates, and nonpublic personnel - can reach out to LDOE Data Systems Support. If a site code cannot be provided, use 000.
- SSN Validation questions and questions about certification requirements or applications may be submitted through the Teacher Certification Help Center.

For questions, contact Teacher Certification Help Center.



Certification Monthly Calls

Below are the dates for the 2025-2026 school year. Calls will be held on the following dates for this upcoming school year.

August 18, at 10:30 a.m.	September 15, at 10:30 a.m.	October 20, at 10:30 a.m.
November 17, at 10:30 a.m.	December 15, at 10:30 a.m.	January 26, at 10:30 a.m.
February 23, at 10:30 a.m.	March 16, at 10:30 a.m.	April 20, at 10:30 a.m.
May 18, at 10:30 a.m.	June 15, at 10:30 a.m.	July 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Please contact certification@la.gov with questions.

