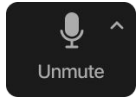
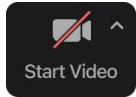


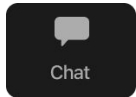
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact [LDOEcommunications@la.gov](mailto:LDOEcommunications@la.gov).



# Educator Certification and Credentialing Monthly Call

July 15, 2024



# Certification Processing by the Numbers

- May 2024
  - 2428 Applications Processed
  - 97% Processed within 15 Business Days
  - 1231 Questions Answered
  - 95.5% Questions Answered within 5 Business Days
- June 2024
  - 2711 Applications Processed
  - 67% Processed within 15 Business Days
  - 1075 Questions Answered
  - 94% Questions Answered within 5 Business Days



# Certification Updates



# 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 occurs **June 17** through **July 17**
  - Full implementation tentatively set for week of **end of July/beginning of August**
  - 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](mailto:Certification@la.gov) with any questions.



# Certification Monthly Calls

Beginning with the August Certification Monthly Call, 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.

August 26, at 10:30 a.m.	September 16, at 10:30 a.m.	October 21, at 10:30 a.m.
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](mailto:certification@la.gov) with questions.



# Application Submission Deadline

To be eligible for associated funding and stipends, **resident teacher, practitioner teacher, and mentor teacher** certifications must be issued by **October 1**.

- Applications must be **submitted** by **September 1**
- Applications prioritized in September
- Applies to Mentor Teacher Waiver

Mentor Teacher Waiver questions should be submitted to [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov).

Contact [certification@la.gov](mailto:certification@la.gov) with questions.



# Certification Reminders





# New Applications

- All applications are **required** to be the June 1, 2024 version for processing.
- Any applications not on this version will be ‘kicked back’ unprocessed.



# Out of Field Praxis Support

- LDOE is [making funding available](#) to reduce barriers for certified teachers teaching out of their field. LDOE will be covering:
  - Praxis exam costs
  - Certification costs (if exams completed by **August 16**)
- Progress so far:
  - 76 Educators approved
  - 110 Praxis Content Exams vouchers approved
- Applications are still open, and educators should complete the survey by **July 19**.

Please contact [LouisianaLeaders@la.gov](mailto:LouisianaLeaders@la.gov)



# \*New\* EDL 1 Alternate Pathway 4: MPA, MBA, JD and US Military Officers

Eligibility for the EDL1 via Alternate Pathway 4 requires the following:

- Completion of the educational leader training coordinated by LDOE.
- Awarded a Master of Public Administration, Master of Business Administration, Juris Doctorate, or honorably discharged commissioned officer of the United States military with a pay grade of O3 or higher.
- Successful completion of the BESE-approved [School Leaders Licensure Assessment \(SLLA\)](#)
- Upon employment as a school leader, must be paired with an experienced school leader mentor. The school Instructional Leadership Team must include a member who holds a graduate degree *in education*.

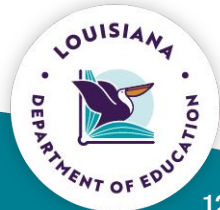
Approximate effective date July 20, 2024



# Literacy Coursework Requirements

Candidates completing Louisiana teacher preparation programs on or after **September 1, 2024**, are required to have completed literacy coursework semester hours or equivalent contact hours for initial certification.

- **3** semester hours for Secondary or All-level general education areas
- **6** semester hours for Middle School 4-8 general education areas
- **9** semester hours for Birth to Kindergarten, PreK-3rd Grade, Elementary 1-5, and **all** Special Education areas, including integrated-to-merged Mild/Moderate programs
- A Teaching of Reading exam **CANNOT** be accepted in place of literacy coursework for initial certification candidates completing after 9/1/2024

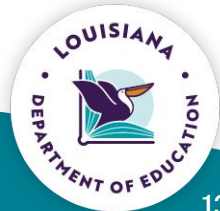


# Literacy Exam Requirements

Beginning **January 1, 2024**, **Out-of-State** applicants authorized to teach grades K-3 and Special education areas, not meeting exam requirements with experience will need to take the Teaching of Reading exam **in addition** to content and pedagogy exams.

**Initial applicants** completing **in-state** preparation programs already enrolled in the year-long residency and holding either the PL or R credential prior to **January 1, 2025**, are not subject to taking the Teaching of Reading exam.

Add-on policy is effective **September 1, 2024**.

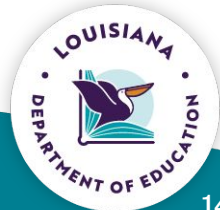


# New Literacy Exam Option

BESE adopted the Louisiana Elementary Multiple-Subjects exam (**7001**), which includes the Teaching of Reading exam, as a part of the English Language Arts subtest.

- Allows for an option with the same number of exams as currently required
- Includes grades K-3 (PK-3, 1-5, Special Education areas)
- Passing score increases over time to gradually increase Science of Reading skill mastery for teacher candidates

Effective June 1, 2024



# Add-on Literacy Requirements (General)

For add-on purposes, general reading and literacy hours may be fulfilled with:

- The indicated semester hours
  - Successful completion of the BESE-approved [literacy foundations training](#) *may* be accepted for the number of hours approved per program documented with completion certificate
- Equivalent contact hours or
- Passing the adopted Teaching of Reading [exam](#)

LETRS completion certificates must be verified by [LouisianaLiteracy@la.gov](mailto:LouisianaLiteracy@la.gov) for add-on credit.

Effective September 1, 2024



# Add-on Literacy Requirements (Grades K-3, Special Education)

For add-on in areas **authorized to teach grades K-3 and special education** areas, educators must meet:

- General literacy contact or semester hour equivalent requirements

**AND\***

- Teaching of Reading exam requirements

\* Requirements cannot be fulfilled with two exams.

Effective September 1, 2024





# Dates of Importance, Supports and Resources





# Important Dates

**July 16:** Nonpublic School Council

**July 17:** Early Childhood Care and Education Commission/Advisory Council

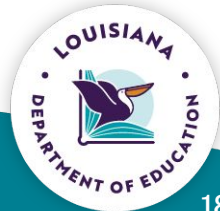
**July 18:** Montessori Task Force

**July 18:** English Learner Task Force

**July 31:** [Teacher Preparation Monthly Call](#)

**Aug 19, 20, 21:** BESE Retreat, Committee Meetings, & Full Board

**Aug 26 :** [Certification Monthly Call](#)





# 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!](#)

