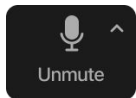
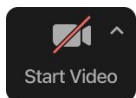


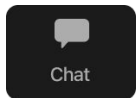
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Educator Certification and Credentialing Monthly Call

July 21, 2025



Agenda

Opening Remarks

Processing by the numbers

Educator Background Credentialing Updates

Louisiana Educator Certification Portal Updates

Certification Reminders

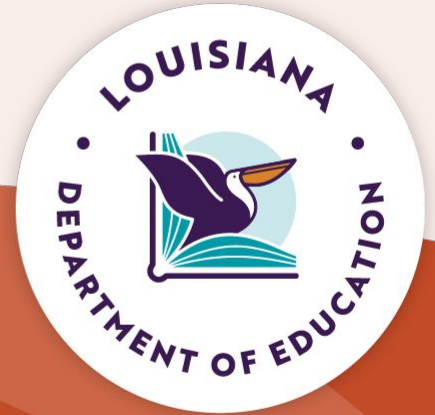
Dates of Importance, Support and Resources



Certification Processing by the Numbers

- May 2025
 - 2788 Applications Processed
 - 100% Processed within 15 Business Days
 - Average Processing Time = 5.25 Business days
 - 1213 Questions Solved
 - Questions Solved within 0.9 Business Days Average
- June 2025
 - 2580 Applications Processed
 - 90.47% Processed within 15 Business Days
 - Average Processing Time = 9.25 Business days
 - 1287 Questions Solved
 - Questions Solved within 1 Business Days Average

Educator Background Credentialing



Clear Credential & Fingerprinting Resources

- **11,314 Clear Credentials** were granted between January 1st and July 11th.
- Clear Credential Information and Resources:
 - [Why require a CBC for Educator Certification?](#)
 - [What does “Clear Credential” mean?](#)
 - [Educator Fingerprinting Packet](#)
 - [Certification Suspension, Revocation, & Reinstatement](#)
- To check the status of fingerprinting with IdentoGO, direct the applicant to <https://uenroll.identogo.com/status-check>.
- If “Clear Credential” does not appear on www.teachlouisiana.net in three weeks or less following fingerprinting under service code **27N5HQ**, email EducatorClearance@la.gov.

Please contact EducatorClearance@la.gov with questions.



Act 409 - Key Focus Areas

Signed into law as [Act 409, Senate Bill 41](#) strengthens child welfare and safety standards in education. While much of the legislation applies to early learning centers, several key changes impact all school systems, including:

- [LA R.S. 15:587.1\(C\)](#) - changes to the list of prohibited convictions
- [LA R.S. 17:8.7](#) - Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) appeal/records review
- [LA R.S. 17:15](#) - hiring and dismissal practices

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Act 409 Revises LA R.S. 15:587.1(C)

The list of prohibited crimes was revised to:

- add R.S. 14:46.2 through R.S. 14:46.4 related to human trafficking, and
- add R.S. 14:93.5 related to sexual battery of persons with infirmities.

A few items were removed from the law due to them having been repealed in years past.

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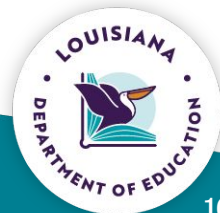


Act 409 Revises LA R.S. 17:8.7

Section B of this law outlines the authority of BESE to consider certification sanction appeals, best known as “records reviews.”

The law was updated to read, *“The board may, after a successful appeal, issue an educator credential or other teaching authorization to a person who has been convicted of or has pled nolo contendere to a felony offense, ~~or~~ **except for** an offense listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C)...”*

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Act 409 Revises LA R.S. 17:15 for Hiring

This law directs school systems in hiring practices. In addition to a criminal background check (CBC), the **employer** is directed to **check the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) state central registry**.

Persons:

- with prohibited convictions (those listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C), or
- whose name is recorded on the DCFS central registry as a person who has a substantiated complaint of child abuse or neglect on or after August 1, 2018,

cannot be hired by a local public school board or a nonpublic school system.

Please contact EducatorClearance@la.gov with questions.



Act 409 Revises LA R.S. 17:15 for Dismissal

This law directs school systems to **dismiss** any employee:

- whose name is recorded on the DCFS central registry as a person who has a substantiated complaint of child abuse or neglect on or after August 1, 2025,
- who submitted fraudulent documents to BESE/LDOE,
- who facilitated cheating on any state assessment as determined by BESE, or
- who was convicted of a prohibited conviction.

Employees are required to self-report within two business days.

School systems who knowingly employ a person with prohibited conviction or whose name appears as substantiated on DCFS check maybe subject to civil fines.

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Louisiana Educator Certification Portal



Louisiana Educator Certification Portal

Tentative Implementation Plan

- Alpha testing - Began June 16 (two weeks)
- Beta testing - Began July 7 (two weeks)
- Anticipated launch date - July 28

Authorized User Partnership Planning

- Training sessions for all authorized users are anticipated during beta testing and initial launch periods - watch for announcements on TeachLouisiana.net and TeachLALive!
- Once LEC is launched, the window to submit any remaining PDF applications will be approximately two weeks.
 - Plan to submit any PDF applications quickly as we approach the launch date for LEC



Louisiana Educator Certification Portal

Additional updates include:

- Requesting two or more areas on the CTTIE application will require a \$25 processing fee
- Requests for Course Approval for more than four courses will also require an additional processing fee
- All applications and follow-up submissions will be initiated by the **educator**.
 - HR and Prep can send a request to start the application
 - Automated routing to HR &/or Prep for additional verification
- Automated CBC/Clear Credential verification - Applicants will be unable to start an application unless a CBC/Clear Credential is on file



Access Requirements

LEC will be integrated into the [Louisiana Educator Portal](#) (LEP)

- Educators already using LEP for evaluation should not need any additional access or accounts to start applications.
- Educators not already using LEP will only need a [MyLA](#) account
- School system personnel already using LEP for evaluation should only need to request permissions for the application portions.
- Nonpublic HR personnel and Preparation Providers will need:
 - An eScholar Staff ID
 - A [MyLA](#) account
 - Request permissions for the application portions
- Instructions will be provided for requesting authorized permissions when the system launches.



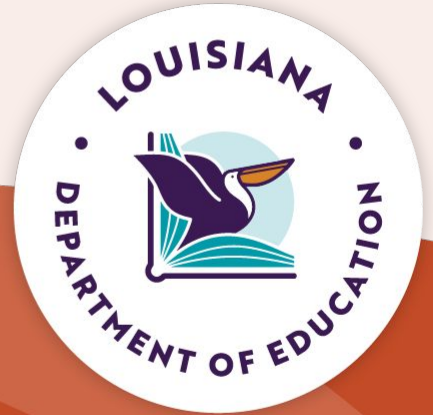
Requesting a Staff ID

HR or Preparation Provider authorization will require an eScholar Staff ID.

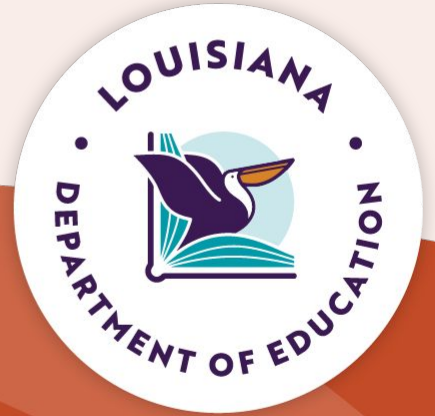
- Traditional Public and Public Charter HR personnel likely already have a Staff ID for accessing other state systems.
- Nonpublic HR personnel and Preparation Providers may need to request a Staff ID before access to LEC can be granted.
 - Sign In to the [EdLink Ops Portal](#)
 - Select your Account Type
 - **Nonpublic Personnel:** I am a PK-12 Non-Public School employee
 - **Preparation Provider:** I am working for an External Partner »
Teacher Prep Provider
 - Enter the requested name, contact, and personal information
 - Save and Submit



LEC Demonstration



Dates of Importance, Supports and Resources





Important Dates

July 24: New Teacher Experience Summer Kick-Off

July 28: Go Live Date for LEC

July 30: [Preparation Provider Monthly Call](#)

Aug 1: System Leader Monthly Call

Aug 11: Last day to submit applications to
[TeachLALive!](#)

Aug 19-20: BESE Meetings



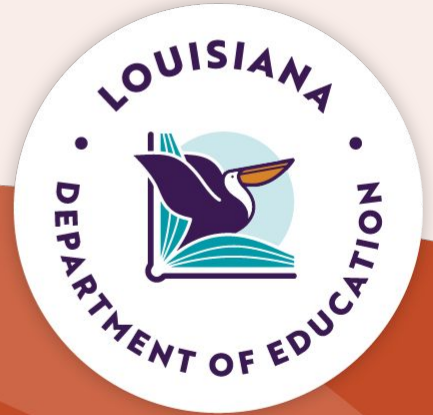


Supports and Resources

- [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!](#)
- [TeachLouisiana.net](#)



Certification Reminders



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.

July 21, at 10:30 a.m.	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.

Please contact certification@la.gov with questions.

