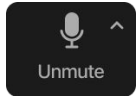
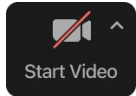


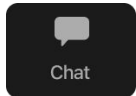
# Zoom Meeting Preparation



- Please make sure your phone or computer is muted to minimize background noise.
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- Please make sure you have turned off your camera to save bandwidth and prevent any connectivity issues.
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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

June 17, 2024



# Certification Processing by the Numbers

- April 2024
  - 2275 Applications Processed
  - 98% Processed within 15 Business Days
  - 1094 Questions Answered
  - 95.4% Questions Answered within 5 Business Days
- May 2024
  - 2428 Applications Processed
  - 97% Processed within 15 Business Days
  - 1231 Questions Answered
  - 95.5% 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 12**
  - Full implementation tentatively set for week of **July 19**
  - Users will need:
    - MyLa account
    - EdLink Security access (dependent upon user role)
    - To request access to the Teacher Certification ZenDesk Help Center

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



# Certification Reminders



# New Applications

In response to the newly adopted policy that came off of Notice of Intent on May 20, **all applications** were be updated. All applications to were updated on or before **June 1, 2024**.

Beginning **July 1, 2024**, all applications are **required** to be the June 1, 2024 version for processing.



# Office Hours Protocol Update

Office hours are be staffed by a Senior Specialist and a novice Specialist.

As of **April 1, 2024** the following has been implemented for office hours:

- Submission of an office hours question is **required** (or call is canceled)
- If application processing time is **15 days or less**, justification for expediting is **required at the time of reservation** for consideration
- Expediting requests may be denied and are at the discretion of the LDOE





# Office Hours Protocol

We ask that the following steps be followed to schedule an [office hours](#) call:

- Login to HR account in online teacher certification portal, TeachLA Live!
- Use the “**Ask a Question**” feature along the top ribbon of the page
- Choose “HR/Prep Provider Office Hours” in the drop down menu
- Indicate certification questions, cases, candidates and details around certification questions
- Submit the question case and **receive case #**
- Use **online scheduler** and indicate the “office hours” question case number in the reservation

[Step-by-Step Demonstration](#)



# Ancillary Certification

All ancillary certification (service and teaching) and renewal requests will be required to be made by the employing school system. Exceptions include:

- **Initial** Counselor certification
- **Initial** School Librarian certification

**Eligibility** will be issued if requested by the individual.

Effective May 20, 2024



# Out-of-Field Authority to Teach (OFAT) Updates

OFAT renewal requirements are updated as follows:

- Renewal of the OFAT **will not be considered** for individuals who **lack 50 percent or more** of the requirements to fulfill the OFAT.
- Renewal is **only** authorized for areas outlined in [Bulletin 746](#).  
Academically Gifted, Significant Disabilities, Early Interventionist, Deaf or Hard of Hearing, and Visual Impairments/Blind (may receive up to **two years**) and Mild/Moderate (may receive up to **one year**).

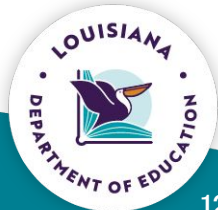
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# Out of Field Praxis Support

- 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:
  - 66 Educators approved
  - 96 Praxis Content Exams vouchers awarded
- Applications are still open, and educators should complete the survey by **July 19**.

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



# Foreign Equivalency Transcripts

New foreign equivalency transcript requirements include that a credentialing agency must be an endorsed member in good standing with either:

- [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#)
- [Association of International Credential Evaluators \(AICE\)](#).

Policy was effective **May 20**.

An updated link to these entities is available on [teachlouisiana.net](#).

Effective May 20, 2024



# \*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

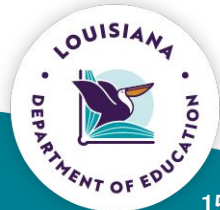


# Literacy Exam Requirements

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
- 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\***

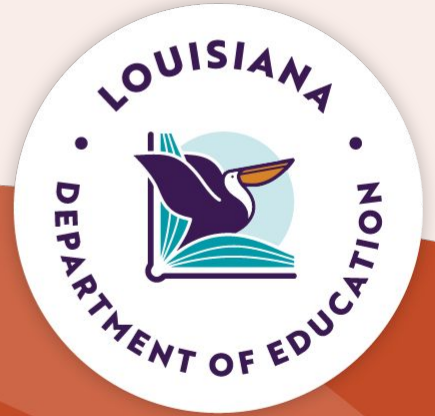
- Teaching of Reading exam requirements

\* Requirements cannot be fulfilled with two exams.

Effective September 1, 2024



# Dates of Importance, Supports and Resources



# Important Dates

**June 26:** [Teacher Preparation Monthly Call](#)

**June 19:** Juneteenth - State Holiday - Offices Closed

**July 15:** [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!](#)