



Education Oversight Licensure Presentation January 9, 2018

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Objectives

- Provide a contextual overview of the initial licensure process
- Explore the recent NCDPI Licensure Audit
- Explain the status of the licensure fee reimbursement process



Assumptions Regarding Today's Presentation

- Not all of the teachers receiving a license will teach in a North Carolina school.
- Priority approval during the licensure process is given to individuals with effectiveness data and military connections.



What are the steps that must occur for an individual to acquire a teaching license?

Expectations of a licensure candidate

In-State

- Finish degree from an approved program
- Official transcripts
- Licensure testing
 - May be EPP requirement
 - Need to complete by the end of second year
- Teaching Capacity Form

Out-of-State

- Another state's license
- Transcripts
- Licensure testing
 - Need to complete by the end of second year
- Form V
 - Indicates out-of-state program completion

Lateral Entry

- LEA Authentication
- Recommendation from RALC, IHE, or Alternative Route
- Transcripts
- Licensure testing
 - Need to complete by the end of second year

* There are many variations to this process but generally these are the three most frequently leveraged pathways.

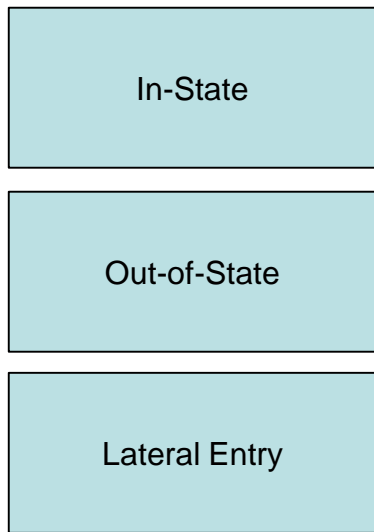




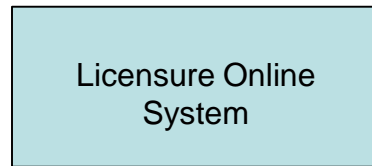
How is a licensure application processed by DPI?

Pre-Submission Process

Candidate Preparation

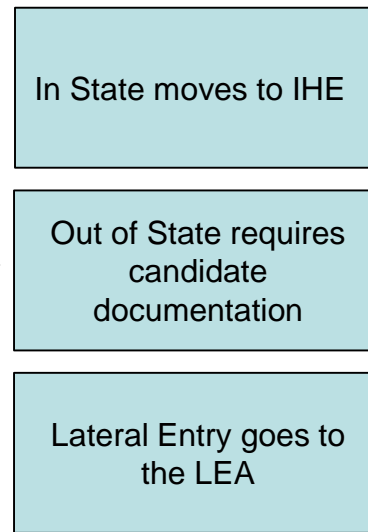


Account Generation

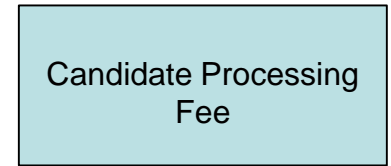


- Personal Info
- E-mail
- Documentation

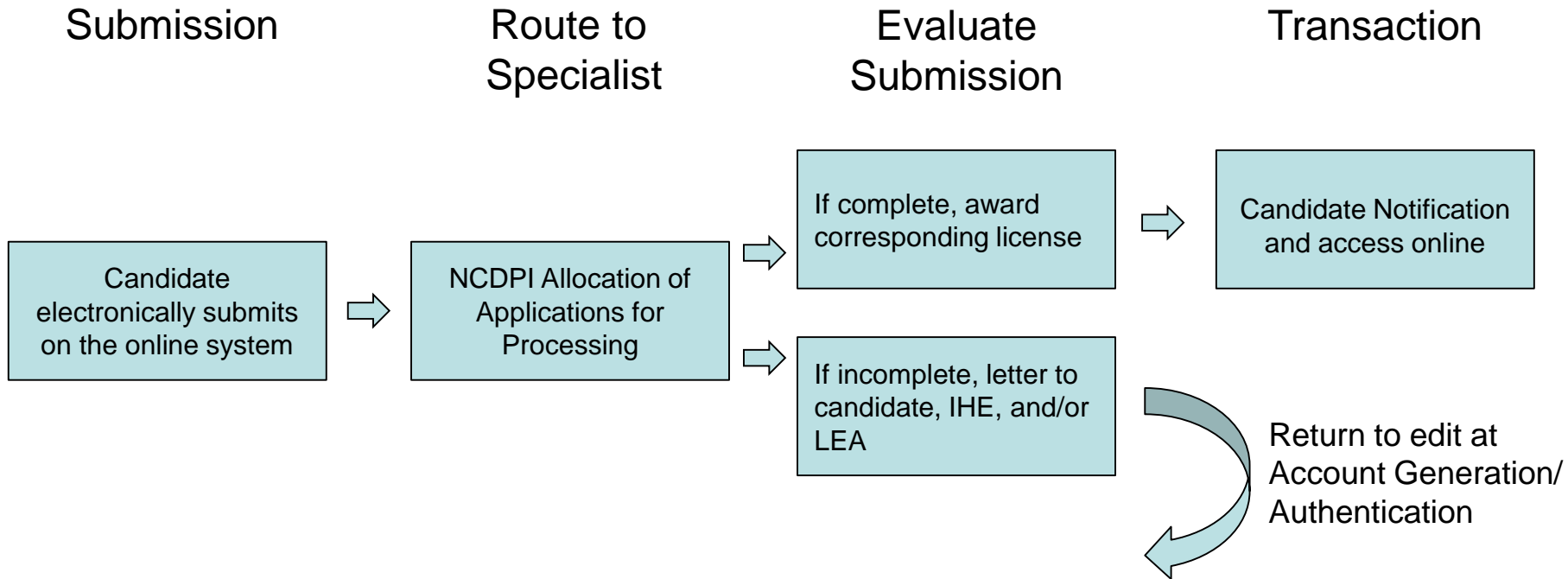
Authentication



Transaction



Post-Submission Process





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STEPS TO A NC
LICENSE

UPDATE OR RENEW
YOUR LICENSE

NATIONAL BOARD
CERTIFICATION

FORMS

FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS



STEPS TO A NC PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR'S LICENSE

Online System

Professional educators are able to apply for and update their North Carolina licenses online. Instructions and more information are available within the online licensure system.

Go to the [NCDPI Online Licensure System](#).

APPLYING FOR YOUR FIRST NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR'S LICENSE

Professional Educator's Licensure Categories

- **Professional Educator's Initial Licenses** are non-renewable and intended for teachers with 0-2 years of teaching experience, and are valid for three years. To be issued a Professional Educator's Initial License, an individual must have:
 - completed a state approved teacher education program from a regionally accredited college or university, or
 - completed another state's approved alternative route to licensure and earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college.
 - a. [Praxis II Testing](#) - for middle grades (6-9), secondary (9-12), and K-12 (including Exceptional Children: General Curriculum) license areas.
 - b. [Pearson Testing for North Carolina: Foundations of Reading and General Curriculum](#) - for Elementary Education and Exceptional Children: General Curriculum licenses only.
 - Out-of-state individuals with three or more years of experience who are applying for a NC Elementary Educator or Exceptional Children: General Curriculum teaching license and who have passed another state's licensure exam without mathematics and reading subtests may be issued an initial license. To convert to a NC Continuing license, the individual may enroll in NCDPI's Reading Research to Classroom Practice and Foundations of Mathematics courses. Candidates who successfully complete these courses along with the associated learning tasks and assessments may be eligible for a Continuing License. Visit the Events tab at www.ncsnp.org for more information about when these DPI courses are offered: Reading Research to Classroom Practice (formerly called Reading Foundations) and Foundations of Mathematics.





NCDPI Online Licensure System

Welcome to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) online licensure system. This is a one-stop shop for educators, school systems, and the general public to verify North Carolina educators' licenses. Additionally, educators and school systems can submit license applications, renew a license, and update their contact information, among other services.

General Public

[Verify a License](#)

Educator and School System Sign-in

* User ID:

* Password:

[Log On](#)

Forgot your password? Click [here](#).

Forgot User ID? Click [here](#).

Educator Registration: Click Below to Create a New Online Account

[NCDPI Registration](#)





User Registration

Please complete the information required below to become a registered Department of Public Instruction User. You will receive a confirmation email as part of the registration process. Please use a permanent personal email address.

The User ID you select will be your new User ID. The User ID must contain at least 8 characters

Enter your details and press "Next".

Press "Previous" to return to the previous screen.

Press "Cancel" to cancel this registration and return to the main menu.

Account Owner Contact Information

- * First Name:
- Second Name:
- * Last Name:

Account Login

- * Email: (e.g. name@domain.com)
- * Confirm Email:
- * User ID:

Password Recovery (In case you forget your password, you will be required to answer this question to obtain a new temporary password.)

- * Secret Question:
Select a predefined question:
- Or write your own question:
- * Secret Answer:

Security Measures (This helps to prevent automated registrations.)

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What is the current timeline in which these steps occur?



Goal Timelines

Initial In-State Applications
51 calendar days

Initial Out-of-State Applications
67 calendar days

Lateral Entry Applications
50 calendar days



Results of DPI's internal licensure audit

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Update on Licensure Fee Reimbursements required by 2017-57, Sec. 7.28

The State Board of Education shall reimburse the initial teacher licensure application fee for the first time an applicant submits an application for teacher licensure, if the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) The applicant is a graduate of an approved educator preparation program located in North Carolina.
- (2) The applicant has successfully earned an initial teaching license in North Carolina.

The State Board shall issue reimbursement to the applicant within 30 days of the date the applicant successfully earns an initial teaching license in North Carolina."

SECTION 7.28.(b) This section applies to applications for licensure received on or after July 1, 2017.



Update on Licensure Fee Reimbursements required by 2017-57, Sec. 7.28

- The process went into effect immediately
- Reimbursements are completed electronically
- Notification of the reimbursement is included in the licensure award letter