

INITIAL CERTIFICATES SET TO BECOME PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR - TEACHER LICENSES

On July 1, 2013, all Initial Certificates will be exchanged for a new 5-year license for which there is no application fee. It is strongly recommended that you do not apply for your Standard certificate (unless it is needed for current employment) to avoid paying the \$75 application fee.

Initial certificate holders will receive a license valid for the time remaining on the initial certificate. This action will eliminate any need for initial certificate holders to register their licenses for an additional year as previously proposed. Although the first renewal period will not be a full 5 years, when you renew your license for the first time it will be for a 5 year cycle.

****PLEASE NOTE****

If you hold an initial certificate and have accrued 4 years of teaching experience **before** July 1, 2012 you will need to apply for a standard certificate to avoid any interruption in your ability to teach.

FOR THOSE HOLDING INITIAL CERTIFICATES WHEN LICENSURE IS IMPLEMENTED:

- Your teaching license renewal year will remain the same as the initial certificate renewal date.
- *Future license renewal requirements are expected to be adjusted according to new school code, which is being written for approval in the Spring of 2013.*

Current advice for initials: Keep every piece of evidence of completion of professional development activities you have already completed until further notice. Do not enter in ECS, that information will not be retained after June 30, 2013. Pay attention to information that comes out in the spring-summer of 2013.

ALL CERTIFICATE HOLDERS - CRITICAL INFORMATION

Keep your email address, address, and phone number up-to-date in ECS: www.isbe.net/ECS: My Profile, Personal Settings; for Email: My Profile, Account Settings

***In case there comes a delay in implementation of TEACHER LICENSURE beyond June 30, 2013, and you are completing your fourth year of teaching during the 2012-13 school year, you must be sure you have a Standard Teaching Certificate or a PEL-Teacher License before school starts in the fall of 2013, and be sure the license or certificate is registered where you are teaching.**

For further information check our website, www.roe41.org, for updates.

You can contact the Madison County Regional Office of Education at 618-296-4642 or by email at klburris@co.madison.il.us.