

COMPARISON DOCUMENT

Title 28

EDUCATION

Part CXXXI. *Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*

Subchapter C. Ancillary Teaching Certificates

§547. Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Instructor (ROTC)

A. Effective June 1, 2026, a retiree, retired grade, non-retired/currently serving Guard/Reserve, or honorably discharged veteran who holds a current, valid JROTC certification and recommendation issued by the appropriate branch of the U.S. Armed Forces is considered certified by BESE. An ancillary certificate issued in ROTC authorizes an individual to teach Junior ROTC.

B. – B.2. Repealed. Eligibility requirements:

1. ~~retired from active duty in the retired grades of E 6 E 9, WO 1 CWO 5, 03 06; and~~

2. ~~official recommendation by appropriate branch of the military service with certification by the appropriate department of defense.~~

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Chapter 19. Actions and Sanctions to Louisiana Educator Credentials

§1901. Overview

A. Educator credentials can be sanctioned for a conviction of certain criminal offenses, for ~~fraud the submission of fraudulent documentation~~, for professional license censure, for failure to meet the standards for effectiveness, or for participation in cheating. This chapter presents the circumstances that result in sanction, the criteria under which reinstatement or issuance may be obtained, and the circumstances under which a credential may be rescinded. Conditions and mandates for issuance and sanction outlined in this Chapter will be the same for all educator credentials issued by the Louisiana Department of Education.

B. – B.1. ...

2. The person has been found to have submitted or used fraudulent documents documentation to the board or the department as part of an application for a Louisiana credential.

B.3. – E. ...

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§1903. Definitions

Cheating—as determined by the LDOE in accordance with LAC 28:XI, *Bulletin 118—Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*, a testing irregularity and/or test security violation committed by an educator in order to alter student or school assessment results in violation of Bulletin 118, LAC 28:XI.Chapter 53. The determination is made by the LDE in consultation with the LEA.

Clear Credential—designation on an educator certification record signifying the educator was fingerprinted for certification under the LDOE Originating Agency Identifier for the purposes of credentialing/licensing. The criminal background check (CBC) provided was free of disqualifying conviction, or the educator was cleared by BESE in accordance with records review provisions in accordance with §1919 of this Chapter.

Credential—documentation issued by the LDOE to validate educator qualifications including but not limited to certification, authorization, permit, or license.

Criminal Background Check (CBC)—bureau of criminal identification and information criminal history records and identification files, including Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) information from other jurisdictions, used to ascertain whether a person has been arrested for, convicted of, or pled nolo contendere to any criminal offense.

Convicted or *Conviction*—any proceedings in which the accused person pleads guilty or no contest, and those proceedings that are tried and result in a judgment of guilty. Convictions also include matters that have been granted expungement and/or deferred disposition under Louisiana CCP Article 893 or 894.

Fraudulent Document—any paper, instrument, or other form of written or electronic text that is false, altered, or counterfeit, and that is used as a subterfuge or device to induce the issuance or reinstatement of an educator credential or that is used to falsely represent or signify that the holder of the credential has certification which has not been issued or is not valid.

Offense or *Crime*—those listed in R.S. 15.587.1(C) and any felony offense whatsoever.

Rap Back—record of arrest and prosecution background FBI service that notifies authorized agencies when new criminal history information is added to the criminal background check of an individual.

Records Review—official board procedure for consideration of an educator appeal regarding credential issuance, reinstatement, or sanction.

Teaching Authorization (TA)—Repealed.

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§1904. Criminal History Review for Certification

A. – B. ...

C. Effective Beginning January 1, 2025, an application for certification renewal, advancement, or modification shall require state and federal criminal history checks for individuals for whom LDOE records do not include a state and federal criminal history check for certification purposes within the past five years.

D. ...

E. Upon receipt of a CBC conducted through LDOE, the department shall determine eligibility for certification as follows:

1. An applicant with no disqualifying convictions shall be cleared for certification, with the “Clear Credential” notation placed on the certification record.

2. The certification of an applicant with a felony conviction shall be sanctioned. Eligibility for records review and appeal to BESE shall be in accordance with §1909 and §1919 of this Chapter for felony convictions other than those felonies enumerated in R.S. 15:587.1.

3. An applicant with a felony or misdemeanor conviction enumerated in R.S. 15:587.1 shall receive a permanent denial or revocation of certification. An appeal to BESE is prohibited.

F. Credentials issued by LDOE are subject to continuing rap back monitoring.

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§1909. Sanctions for Criminal Convictions History Reporting

A. – D.2. ...

E. Misdemeanor and felony criminal convictions, or plea of nolo contendere, for an offense listed in R.S. 15:587.1 shall be ~~referenced as a prohibited conviction~~ convictions for which denial, suspension, and/or revocation is mandated and issuance or reinstatement shall never be considered.

F. With the exception of convictions listed in R.S. 15:587.1, records review for appeal of sanction eligibility may be considered under the following conditions:

1. – 3. ...

G. Rap Back Monitoring and Appeals.

1. If an applicant's appeal is filed within ninety days of issuance of the letter of suspension or letter of denial, the applicant will not have to undergo a new criminal history record check.

2. If an applicant's appeal is filed after ninety days have passed since issuance of the letter of suspension or letter of denial, the applicant shall undergo a new criminal history check.

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§1911. Submission of Fraudulent Documents

A. A Louisiana teaching credential will be sanctioned in accordance with §1903 of this Chapter if an educator uses or submits fraudulent documents, denied or if currently issued will be suspended if an educator presents fraudulent documentation as part of an application for a credential to BESE or the LDOE.

B. Repealed.

C. – D.3. ...

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§1913. Professional License Censure

A. – B. ...

C. An existing credential, even if expired, for which license censure has been reported and verified may will be suspended by the LDOE and referred to BESE for review.

D. – E.3. ...

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Chapter 21. State Guidelines Related to Qualifications for Paraprofessionals

§2103. Paraprofessional Qualifications

A. – D. ...

1. State Test. A paraprofessional who passes the Educational Testing Service (ETS) ParaPro or ParaPathways ~~para-pro~~ assessment will meet state and federal requirements to be classified as a highly qualified paraprofessional. A paraprofessional who is not new to the profession, passes the ACT work keys assessment, and has successful observations will meet state and federal requirements to be classified as a highly qualified paraprofessional.

D.2. – F.1. ...

a. passed the ETS ParaPro or ParaPathways ~~para-pro~~ assessment;

b. – F.2. ...

a. passed the ETS ParaPro or ParaPathways ~~para-pro~~ assessment;

b. – F.2.d. ...

G. Curriculum-based Pathways for Paraprofessionals. General education and teacher preparation coursework must address the K-12 state content standards, Louisiana components of effective Teaching, National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) standards, and Praxis expectations. In addition to the ETS ParaPro or ParaPathways ~~para-pro~~ assessment, the state specified three curriculum-based pathways for paraprofessionals to meet federal requirements, as follows:

G.1. – G.3.b.iii.(b).

...

H. ETS Paraprofessional Assessments.

1. ParaPro (1755); prior to August 31, 2026; score 450.

2. ParaPathways (5758 and 5759); effective June 1, 2026.

a. Reading and Writing (5758); score 332; and

b. Mathematics (5759); score 334.

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