



## Updates from the BoEE – July 2021

In this issue: renewal credit options, substitutes and other legislative updates, conditional licensure, helpful hints for school administrators.

## IPDP Plan for Renewal Credits

Starting **July 1, 2021** holders of a standard, master, professional administrator, or professional service license may use one Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP - annual goal setting plan) **for up to 1/2 of the required renewal credits for their license type.**

Standard license - 1 IPDP plan is 3 credits (6 needed)

Master educator license - 1 IPDP plan is 2 credits (4 needed)

Professional administrator license - 1 IPDP plan is 2 credits (4 needed)

Professional service license - 1 IPDP plan is 2 renewal credits (4 needed)

To use this option, when you apply to renew, upload a completed (spring version) IPDP signed by you and your evaluator. The plan should minimally including specific goal(s), planned activities, alignment to building/district goals, alignment to the Iowa teaching standards, data collected, and how the goal impacted student learning.

[Click here for more information about renewal credits and license types.](#)

# Substitute Updates and Other 2021 Legislation

## Substitute Authorizations

HF 675 changed the degree requirement for substitute authorizations to an associate's degree or 60 semester hours, and changed the day limitation to no more than 10 consecutive days in a 30-day period in one assignment. The substitute authorization course is still required.

Paraeducators who do not meet the degree requirement but who complete the substitute authorization course are limited to subbing in their own special education classroom.

Recent changes to administrative rules also added full substitute authority to more license types, including full career and technical authorizations, full native language authorizations, and professional service licenses.

Full Substitute Authority - up to 90 days in the same assignment.

- Initial teaching license\*
- Standard teaching license
- Master educator license
- Exchange license (teacher or administrator)
- Initial administrator license\*
- Professional administrator license
- Initial professional service license\*
- Full professional service license
- Full career and technical authorization
- Full native language teaching authorization
- Permanent professional
- Substitute license

*\*substitute experience cannot be used to move to the next license level*

## Statements of Professional Recognition

SF 532 directed our agency to create a Statement of Professional Recognition for both behavior analysts and mental health professionals.

## Substitute Updates and Other 2021 Legislation (cont.)

### **IPDP - Renewal Credits**

HF 770 changed the renewal credits earned through the completion of an IPDP plan from one renewal credit to up to 1/2 of the required renewal credits.

### **Charter School Administrator Authorization**

HF 847 directed our agency to create a charter school administrator authorization.

### **Protected Speech**

HF 744 created new criteria for the denial or revocation of a license based on protected speech and intellectual freedom.

### **Racism/Sexism Trainings**

HF 802 established requirements related to racism or sexism trainings at, and diversity and inclusion efforts by, governmental agencies and entities, school districts, and public postsecondary educational institutions.

### **Fees for Processing Complaints**

HF 868 directed our agency to establish fees for the administrative costs of processing complaints and conducting hearings when the respondent is an administrator and the final board action results in a sanction.

## Conditional Licensure

The Class B License is valid for two school years and may be issued under the following conditions:

- The person is the holder of a valid Iowa teaching license with one or more endorsements and is seeking to obtain some other endorsement
- The employer requests the Class B be issued due to an official position offer
- The individual seeking this endorsement has completed at least two-thirds of the requirements or one-half in a shortage area.

The Executive Director Decision License is valid for one school year and may be issued under the following conditions:

- The person is the holder of a valid teaching Iowa license with one or more endorsement and is seeking to obtain some other endorsement
- The employer requests the Executive Director Decision license be issued
- The employer verifies the diligent search to find a fully licensed teacher for the position
- The individual seeking this endorsement is not eligible for the Class B license

## Helpful Hints for School Administrators

[Bookmark this link](#) for important information about Iowa license types, BEDS information, vacant positions/substitute teachers, ethics presentations, and other important information for school administrators and HR directors.