Short-Term Emergency Approval in Special Education

This approval allows the holder to serve K-12 students with the following disabilities, regardless of the teaching license held: learning disabilities, social emotional disorders, mental retardation, physical disabilities, autism, and traumatic brain injuries.

Requirements

- Hold an Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) or an Educator License with Stipulations (ELS) endorsed in a teaching field.
- ISBE Form 73-86 [https://www.isbe.net/Documents/73-86_emergency_speced.pdf]
  - School district and regional superintendent must sign the form before it is sent to ISBE.
- Official transcripts showing completion of coursework in survey of exceptional children and at least one of the other three areas of coursework required for the LBS I approval
  - Characteristics of children with disabilities within the LBS I scope
  - Methods for teaching children with disabilities within the LBS1 scope
  - Psychological assessment of children with disabilities within the LBS I scope
- Educator’s plan of study identifying enrollment in an educator preparation institution and coursework to be completed to qualify for the LBSI approval or endorsement within the three-year validity period of the short-term emergency approval
- Documentation to be provided by the employing district (public or non-public)
  - Description of the disabilities, type of classes, and age ranges of the population to be served by the candidate
✓ Description of supervision, including the name, IEIN (Illinois Educator Identification Number), and the position title of the supervisor— The supervisor must hold **one** of the following:

- general administrative, superintendent, or principal and LBS I (PK-21) endorsement
- an LBS I (PK-21) supervisory endorsement or the Director of Special Education endorsement

✓ Description of the district’s efforts to locate a fully qualified individual for the position

**Years Valid**

3 Fiscal Years/3 years beginning with the next academic term

**Limitations**

Before this approval expires, the educator must obtain the LBSI PK-21 endorsement. If you already hold an LBSI endorsement or approval, you may apply for this approval to expand your grade range.

**Will not be issued after July 1, 2020.**

Educator must apply for this Special Education Approval in their ELIS account. Application fee applies.