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Educator Licensure

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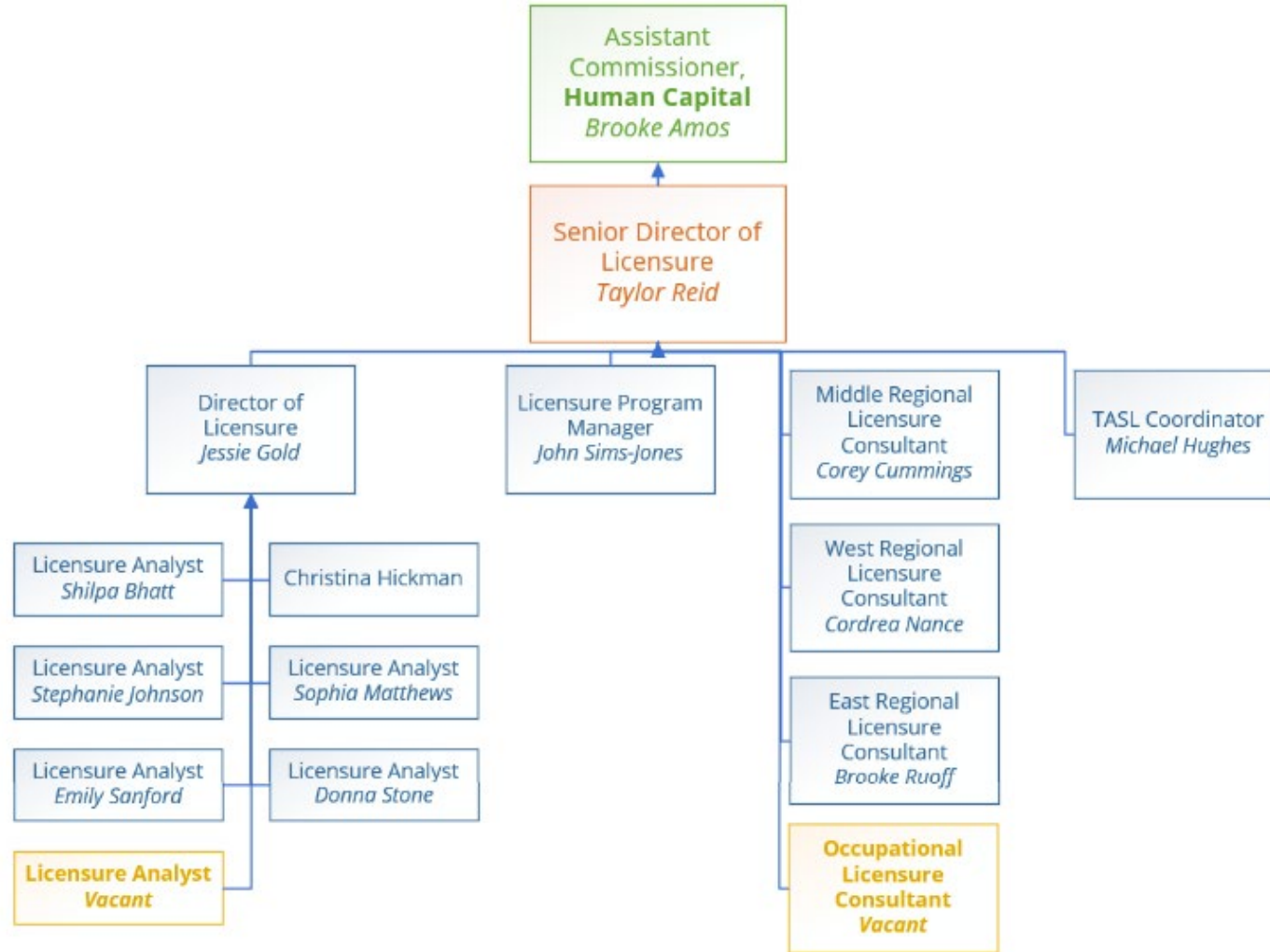


Agenda

- Licensure Contact Information
- Emergency Credentials
- Resources
- Q&A



Educator Licensure Team



Who Do I Contact?

The Licensure team provides advanced technical assistance to LEAs on a recurring basis. To maintain this system of communication and our record processing times, we ask for district-facing employees to first connect with their district licensure contact, who can then connect with the assigned Regional Licensure Consultant, if needed.

<u>Role</u>	<u>TDOE Contact</u>
District & school-based administrators	Please consult with your District Licensure/HR Representative who can consult their Regional Licensure Consultant
All others	Educator.Licensure@tn.gov <i>Please note: The Educator Licensure inbox is a general inbox that should be shared as the main point of contact for licensure, as it will allow for the most efficient processing timelines for educators and districts. We maintain an 48-hour response time for this inbox.</i>



Emergency Credentials

Application and Use

Key Updates: High-Level Overview



[Chapter 843 of the Public Acts of 2024](#): of 2024: of 2024: Authorizes temporary teaching permits for Elementary physical education.



[Chapter 876 of the Public Acts of 2024](#) : Authorizes temporary teaching permits for courses with an End of Course (EOC) exam, provided the educator is assigned a mentor teacher.

- Educator Licensure Resources ****updated****: [Licensure Resources \(tn.gov\)](#)
 - Notable Resources:
 - [Emergency Credentials Guide](#)
 - [Educator Licensure Operating Procedures for Districts](#)

Emergency Credentials: An Overview

	Permit	Endorsement Exemption (Waiver)
Who is it used for?	Temporary Permits allow an unlicensed individual to serve as a teacher of record.	Waivers allow a licensed educator to teach <i>more than two sections</i> of one or more courses outside of their area of endorsement.
Who applies?	The LEA on behalf of the educator (Superintendent or Designee) <i>*Note: Educators must submit a personal affirmation to accompany the transaction</i>	
When can an LEA apply?	Beginning July 1 st of the Academic Year the emergency credential is requested (i.e. a permit for 24-25 can be issued as early as July 1 st /when rollover occurs)	
Validity Period	Expiration: June 30 th following the date of issuance	
Renewable?	Academic Permit: Maximum of 3 Occupational Permit: Maximum of 1 Clinical Practice Permit: Maximum of 1	Maximum of 3
Restrictions	Special Education Early Childhood (Pre-K)	Special Education Courses with an EOC (expiration of PC 932)

Emergency Credentials: General Reminders

- Approval: An emergency credential must be **issued** by the department before the educator can utilize the permit. Submission of the permit application does not mean the permit has been issued.
 - Note: If approved, the effective date of the emergency credential applies the date of the transaction submission. The Licensure team is not legally authorized to alter the effective date of an emergency credential
- Personal Affirmation: Once you have submitted the permit application, please ensure the educator completes and submits the personal affirmation.
 - An application will not be reviewed until the transaction status says “Pending OELP Review”
 - If the personal affirmation is not completed within 90 days, the transaction status will change to “Archived Due to Inactivity” and you will need to start a new transaction.
- Out of State Educators: If you are hiring an out of state educator with an active out of state license or who has completed an EPP out of state, there is no need to apply for a permit for that educator.

SPED and Licensure: Federal Regulations

- 20 U.S.C. § 1412 (a)(14) [in IDEA](#) seeks to ensure individuals are qualified to carry out tasks and are adequately trained, the following applies:
 - Educators may not have licensure or certification requirements waived on an emergency basis
 - Educators who have obtained full certification in Special Education may add additional Special Education endorsements by passing licensure examinations
 - Educators who have obtained full state certification may participate in alternate routes of certification, if that certification meets the Code of Federal Regulations, as such section was in effect on November 28, 2008

SPED and Licensure: TN Opportunities

- The following table outlines existing conversations and opportunities for SPED Licensure in Tennessee:

For SPED-endorsed teachers (educators who currently hold an active TN educator license with one or more applicable SPED endorsements)	For licensed educators who do NOT hold a SPED endorsement
<p>Program teams in the Department are currently in conversation about applicable additional endorsements that could be added by assessment-only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As program teams to come to a consensus, the licensure team will update the Licensure Operating Procedures for Districts. <p>For educators holding at least one SPED endorsement who are not currently teaching in the area, districts may utilize differentiated pay to allocate additional funding to fill vacancies.</p>	<p>Educators may enroll in an approved Special Education program and receive a recommendation for a provisional endorsement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This pathway allows educators to teach in a special education classroom with a provisional endorsement, valid for three years while pursuing the relevant endorsement.• Educators must be actively enrolled in a program and assigned a mentor teacher.

Q&A





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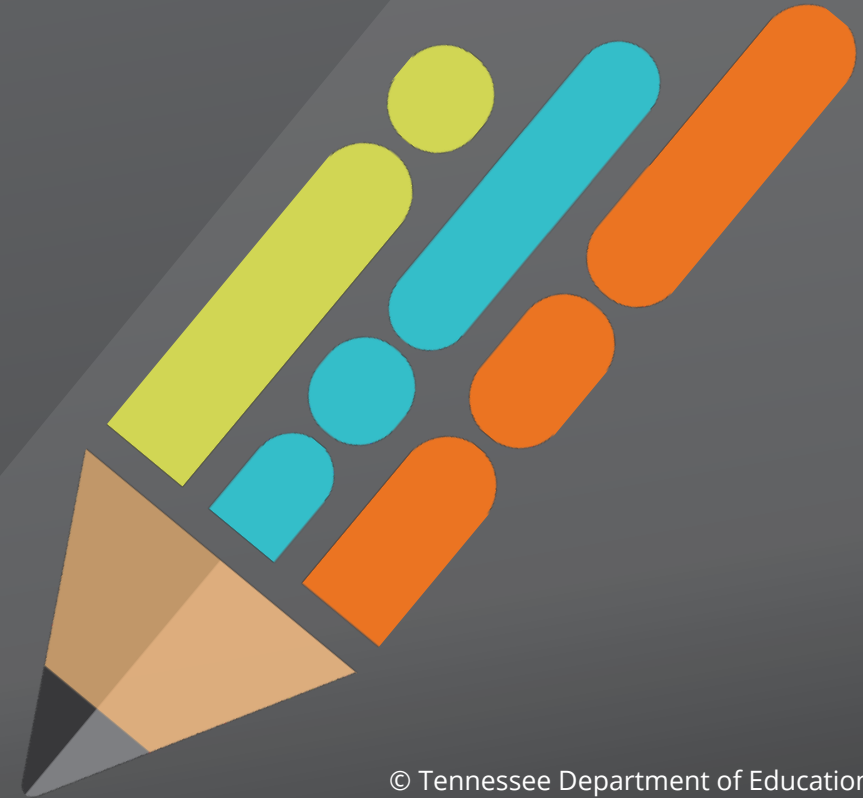
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