

Educator Quality Team

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From the Educator Quality Division Director, Debi Price

Renewal season is just around the corner! Currently, there are **1,086 educators whose license is expiring on 6/30/2018 that have not completed their employment details** in their online account profile section. In addition, there are **115 educators whose license is expiring on 6/30/2018 that do not have an email address listed.**

Educators who have not updated or have incomplete profile information run the risk of their license expiring. Renewal notifications that include directions for completing the process are sent to the primary email address in the educator's profile. These notifications are sent out the first week in January. If there is no email address or an incorrect email address is listed, the educator will not receive important communication regarding their license. Additionally, if employment information has not been updated or is not included in the educator's profile, the renewal application will be routed incorrectly. This can lead to the license expiring and the educator needing to reinstate their license. There are additional costs associated with that process, and could have an impact on their employment as the educator may not be licensed by the beginning of the school year.

Just recently Ron Ryan, Licensing Team Program Manager participated in a cycle of Integrated Field Reviews, just one component to the Education Quality Reviews. Education Quality Reviews (EQR) help assess the degree to which the Education Quality Standards (EQS) are being addressed in Vermont schools, identify best practices and to support the continuous improvement of our schools in the areas of Academic Proficiency, Personalization, Safe Healthy Schools, High Quality Staffing and Investment Priorities. The Agency assesses implementation of EQS through the [Education Quality Reviews](#) that include: 1) Annual Snapshot Review and 2) Integrated Field Review (IFR).

In 2013, following the implementation of Act 77, the Vermont State Board of Education adopted the Education Quality Standards (EQS) to provide focus of educational purpose and to hold schools accountable for implementing an educational program which serves the full breadth of learning we deem essential. These standards established proficiency-based learning in all curricular areas, flexible pathways and personalization, safe and caring school environments, high-quality staffing and financially efficient practices as the cornerstones of educational programming in the state.

Lastly, please join me in welcoming Ellen Cairns to the Educator Quality Team. Ellen will be the new ROPA consultant and starts with the team on November 27th. Ellen is currently a member of the Early Education Team as an Early Childhood Assessment Coordinator.

From the In-service Team, Ron Ryan, Licensing Program Manager

Licensing: Currently the Licensing Team is in a good place with minimal applications pending in the work queues. Under Debi Price’s leadership the department has taken positive steps to continue to map out areas of duplication and hone in on consistencies with each of the application processes. Individual flow charts are being developed to assist licensing specialists with consistent information when guiding applicants.

Current work queue per application type as of 11/16/17

Application Type	Pending	*Under Review
Initial online	14	44
Reinstatement online	2	19
Renewal	0	12
Retired online	0	0
Temporary online	3	7
Transcript Review – Initial	3	30
Transcript Review – Add endorsement	0	83
Peer Review - Initial	13	44
Peer Review – Add endorsement	5	4

Under Review means the application has been reviewed and a Licensing Specialist is working with the educator. This group also includes applications where Letters of Eligibility have been issued or applications that are approved and awaiting payment.

***Under review Peer Review applications do not include applicants that are in the year of portfolio development.*

****Transcript Review application is open for 3 years – under review means Educator is completing work.*

Local/Regional Standards Board: As of 11/16/17, 54 out of 68 Grant Award documents have been submitted to the Agency’s Finance Division for approval. With seven grant applications still outstanding. L/RSB Chairpersons have been sent reminders about the grant awards including any missing information.

The week of November 6th all L/RSBs were sent a list of the 2018 renewals in our database. The list is based on the information the educator has included in the employment section of the online profile. If an educator does not include the most current employment information they run the risk of their renewal being delayed. In early December, Deb will be visiting the Orleans Southwest LSB.