



**Boone-Winnebago Regional Office of Education**  
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## **ILLINOIS CERTIFICATION WEBSITES**

### *ECS (Educator Certification System)*

All educators in Illinois can view and track their certification information by creating an ECS account. Once created, this account will allow you to view your information, apply for new certificates, register and renew your certificates, and enter professional development.

<https://sec1.isbe.net/ecs>

### *New Teachers*

What is an Initial teaching certificate? Illinois has a three-tiered certification system: 1) Initial, 2) Standard and 3) Master teaching certificates. Initial teaching certificates are issued to teachers who have less than four years of teaching. **Initial certificate holders, whether employed in public or nonpublic schools, are required to move from Initial to Standard certification. To do so, you must accrue four years of teaching on a valid certificate and complete one of the professional development options.**

<http://www.isbe.net/certification/html/prospective.htm>

### *Standard/Master Teaching Certificates*

Standard teaching certificates are issued to teachers who have more than four years of teaching and/or were issued certificates prior to February 15, 2000. Master certificates are issued to those with National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification. Standard/Master certificate holders employed on either type certificate in Illinois public schools must complete professional development to renew the certificates, which allows registration.

<http://www.isbe.net/certification/html/current.htm>

### *Endorsements*

[http://isbe.net/certification/requirements/endorsement\\_assignment.htm](http://isbe.net/certification/requirements/endorsement_assignment.htm)

### *Certification Forms*

<http://isbe.net/certification/html/forms.htm>

*Guide to Requirements for Certification, Endorsement and Assignment of Teachers, School Service Personnel, and Administrators*

<http://isbe.net/certification/requirements/toc.htm>

### *Highly Qualified Status*

<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/certification/default.htm>

### *Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS)*

<http://isbe.net/certification/html/testing.htm>