

Educator Licensing Newsletter



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Licensing Team Availability

Beginning in June, the licensing team will meet Monday mornings 9-10:30am. We will not be available during that time for phone calls or educator meetings. We will still offer "office hours" on Fridays 12pm-2pm. [Hop into the meeting](#) with your questions at any time between 12pm-2pm on Friday.

Licensing Coaching

Book a licensing coaching session: [Book time with Malia Hite](#)

If you have any specific feedback for the Educator Licensing team to consider, please contact [Malia Hite](#).

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Annual Licensing USIMS Training – July 30th 1pm

SY27 Annual Licensing Training & USIMS Launch Supports

Register for the USBE Educator Licensing team for our [Annual Educator Licensing Training \(SY27\)](#)! We will cover the upcoming CACTUS-to-USIMS transition and review licensing requirements, including critical updates. [Register here.](#)

Current CACTUS Tools will not be covered. New CACTUS users should contact [Jane Conway](#) for technical help. Watch future newsletters for registration links, training modules, and updated office hours schedules!

USIMS Replaces CACTUS RDS in August

The new licensing system, USIMS, will replace the CACTUS RDS in mid-August. Please note the planned timeline.

- August 14, Noon: CACTUS RDS goes offline; no data entry allowed.
- August 14-18: Secure data transfer from CACTUS to USIMS
- August 18: USIMS for LEAs goes online; current CACTUS users will be emailed login information.
- August 18: Asynchronous USIMS Training for LEA Users available and Licensing Team will start hosting daily office hours.
- September 17: Last day to submit bulk upload for educator assignments
- September 18: LEAs that use bulk upload may not use USIMS for secure data transfer.

USBE Altitude System went live on July 9, 2026

Users are now able to access Altitude www.usbealtitude.org. *If you had a MIDAS account*, use the same login credentials as you used for MIDAS. Update your email in USIMS and wait 24 hrs to sync with Altitude. More information can be found on the [USBE Altitude website](#), including FAQs; contact Altitude Help (altitude@schools.utah.gov) with any other concerns.

CACTUS Codes & Data for SY27

Here is the link to the [Updated School Year \(SY\)2026-2027 Active Core Codes](#).

CTE Work Experience Endorsements

CTE teacher candidates with **3+ years of related work experience** can now qualify for a professional endorsement to teach courses within their [CTE Career Cluster](#) (see updated Board rule [R277-309](#)). These new endorsements will not cover core subject credits or Concurrent Enrollment. Keep in mind that [certain courses](#) may still require specific industry credentials for students to earn their certifications. Applications, verification forms, and course details will be posted to the [Endorsements webpage](#) soon.

The Educator Licensing homepage has a new look!

We have redesigned the [Licensing](#) page for a smoother, more user-friendly experience. You can now check application statuses, access key services, and get quick answers from ULA, the USBE Licensing Assistant. This rollout is just the first step in a broader project to refresh the entire licensing website over time. If you have any feedback or questions about the new look, please contact [Megan Carlisle](#).

Educator Misconduct & US Dept. of Education

The U.S. Department of Education has [announced](#) increased enforcement activities and renewed attention to ensuring that allegations of misconduct are appropriately investigated, reported, and addressed. All state educator licensing agencies received [additional guidance](#), including reporting requirements, investigative authority, and information sharing.

New Official Documentation Policy Update

To ensure data security and record authenticity in the age of AI and other risks, we will soon require all official licensing documents to be sent directly from the issuing source. **College transcripts and evaluations must come straight from the institution, and work verification forms must come directly from the former employer.** Once received, all submitted documents become state records and cannot be copied, returned, or forwarded. Current documentation processes are allowed during the transition.

USIMS Transition: Essential SY27 Licensing Guide

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