Educator Licensing Newsletter

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Have you missed our USIMS webinar on November 12,2025? You may review the video (bit.ly/1stUSIMSvideo) or slides (bit.ly/1stUSIMS). For more questions about the USIMS webinar, please contact Malia Hite.

USIMS Errors & Workarounds
Any individual who encounters any error or issue with USIMS should contact USIMShelp@schools.utah.gov

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.

(801) 538-7740
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CACTUS/USIMS updates
- It is no longer required to record student teachers in CACTUS/USIMS.
- SHiNE amounts may be updated prior to termination in CACTUS. SHiNE is not available in USIMS at this time.

CACTUS/USIMS Transition Timeline
- Soft Release of USIMS is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd week of January with Statewide Release and CACTUS RDS sunset a few weeks after the testing period. We will *notify you prior* to the CACTUS RDS sunset.
- Anyone needing reports from CACTUS after the RDS sunset, should email the request to licensing@schools.utah.gov

USBE will have access to CACTUS after the RDS is turned off.
You may review the CACTUS/USIMS Transition Timeline. The Public Educator Licensing Lookup website will remain available with accurate data. Please submit a ticket to the Help Desk, apphelpdesk@schools.utah.gov or 801-538-7800, to request CACTUS/USIMS access.

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Licensing Rule Updates
Last week R277-304 was approved by the Board which will delay the implementation of the Elementary Competencies until they are revised. Any feedback should be directed to Malia Hite.

U-RAPT New Story! *USU Education Majors begin Inaugural Apprenticeship Program for Full-Time Training in Utah Classrooms*
Here is the link to the U-RAPT New Story. Invest in your future teaching force. Partner with U-RAPT! U-RAPT PA tuition flyer Any questions/feedback should be directed to Malia Hite.

ENDORSEMENTS UPDATES
Due to a recent change in Board rules, professionally licensed teachers may add a Secondary license area by application, if they have met the professional requirements of at least one Content Endorsement. The endorsement website was updated in December to show which endorsements are considered Content Endorsements, under the *Applications and Specs* tab, and the process to add Secondary. That process is outlined in the *Endorsement Updates* tab. The testing option is still being developed at this time.

The following updated endorsements are now available and posted on the website.
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing Endorsement Application (New competencies coming soon.)
- Dual Language Immersion Endorsement Application & Specs (New Options Available!)
- Elementary Arts Integration Endorsement Application & Specs
- Elementary Theatre Specialist Endorsement Application & Specs
- Secondary Literacy Interventionist Endorsement Specs
- Secondary Theatre Endorsement Application & Specs
- Teacher Mentor Endorsement Application
- World Language Endorsement Application & Specs (New Options Available!)

Educator Qualification Report
Here is the link to the Educator Qualification Report: Educator Qualifications. Your LEA may choose to link to this page instead of manually updating your teacher qualification percentages, if you use LEA-Specific licenses. The report is updated on this webpage each November, March, and July annually.

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