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How to Renew Your Professional Educator License (PEL)

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The screenshot shows the Illinois State Board of Education website. On the left is a navigation menu with items: Home, My Credentials, PD Plus, Help, Credentials, Degrees, Fees, Tests, Communications, Deficiency Letters, Additional Credentials, Images, Assignments/Salary, Professional Development, and TCIS History. The main content area features an 'Action Center' box with a lightbulb icon and a table of notifications:

Action Center	
New Documents on File	0
Notifications	0
Deficiencies	0
Registrations	0
 Renewals	1
Reinstatements	0

Below the table is a red warning message: "All school personnel who are required to hold a license are responsible for securing, maintaining, registering, and renewing their license." At the bottom of the Action Center is a button labeled "Register in an Additional Region". A large red arrow points from the 'Renewals' notification to the instructional text below.

Click "Renewals" in the Action Center on your "Home" tab. It will have a yellow triangle next to it.

If this option is not available:

- 1. Double check the expiration date of your license.**
- 2. Ensure you have met all required professional development by viewing your Professional Development tab in ELIS.**
- 3. Verify your PD/Employment status is correct. Please refer to the how-to video "How to Update Your PD/Employment Status."**

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Legal Questions Choose Region Submit Payment

To be valid for employment in an Illinois public or state-operated school, an issued license must be registered in at least one region in the state. After completing the following steps, your license will be registered for its full validity period (for example: A professional educator license will be registered for five years.) Registration fees will be collected at the end of the registration process. Any applicable past registration fees that have not been paid will also be collected at this time. Please complete the following steps to register your license.

Please answer the following required questions of the Criminal History Disclosure Statement.

- Yes No Have you ever had a professional license of any kind or a license or certificate (teaching, administrative, school support, etc.) formally denied, suspended, or revoked in Illinois or any other state?
- Yes No Have you ever been convicted of a felony in Illinois or any other state, or are you subject to pending criminal charges for a felony in Illinois or any other state? (You are not obligated to disclose expunged records of a conviction or an arrest. If unsure, you may seek legal counsel or contact ISBE for further information. Failure to accurately disclose this information may result in application denial or licensure sanction.)
- Yes No Have you ever been convicted of any sex, narcotic, or drug offense in Illinois or any other state, or are you subject to pending criminal charges for any sex, narcotics, or drug offense (whether felony or misdemeanor) in Illinois or any other state? (You are not obligated to disclose expunged records of a conviction or an arrest. If unsure, you may seek legal counsel or contact ISBE for further information. Failure to accurately disclose this information may result in application denial or licensure sanction.)
- Yes No Have you failed to (a) file an Illinois tax return, (b) pay the interest, penalty, or tax shown on an Illinois filed return, or (c) pay any final assessment of interest, penalty, or tax as required by law and administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue which was not subsequently resolved to the Department's satisfaction?
- Yes No Have you ever been indicated as a perpetrator of child abuse or neglect by a state agency responsible for child welfare? (Note: You must answer "Yes" to this question even if the report was removed from the State Central register due to expiration of the retention period, but you may answer "No" to this question if the finding was reversed on appeal.)
- Yes No Are you currently more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order? (No, I am not more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order. I certify, under penalty of perjury that this information is true and correct. I understand that failure to respond to this question may result in disciplinary action and that making a false statement with regard to this question may subject me to disciplinary action and contempt of court. Yes, I am currently more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order.)
- Yes No I certify, under penalty of loss of my right to teach or work in the schools of Illinois, the answers to these questions are true and correct in every respect.

Correct in every respect.

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Answer each of the background questions as they apply to you. The last question must be answered "Yes" as this verifies you have answered the background questions truthfully. When finished, click "Next."

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Region

Please select the primary region in which you would like to register your license and click the "Next" button. You will have an opportunity to add additional regions at no charge in the "Credentials" section.

- 01 - Adams/Brown/Cass/Morgan/Pike/Scott
- 03 - Bond/Christian/Effingham/Fayette/Montgomery
- 04 - BOONE/WINNEBAGO ROE
- 05 - Region 05 North Cook ISC 1
- 06 - Region 06 West Cook ISC 2
- 07 - Region 07 South Cook ISC 4
- 08 - CARROLL/JO DAVIESS/STEPHENSON ROE
- 09 - CHAMPAIGN/FORD ROE
- 11 - CLK/CLS/CMBN/DGLAS/EDGR/MLTR/SHLB
- 12 - CLAY/CWFORD/JSPER/LWRNCE/RHLLAND
- 13 - Clinton/Jefferson/Marion/Washington
- 15 - CITY OF CHICAGO
- 16 - DE KALB ROE

Previous	New Region
02	If you work in Union, Alexander, or Putaski County, choose Region 30 If you work in Johnson or Massac County, choose Region 21
10	Choose Region 03
22	Choose Region 26
25	If you work in Jefferson County, choose Region 13 If you work in Hamilton County, choose Region 20
27	Choose Region 33
38	If you work in Logan County, choose Region 17 If you work in Menard County, choose Region 51 If you work in Mason County, choose Region 53
43	If you work in Woodford County, choose Region 53 If you work in Putnam or Marshall County, choose Region 35
46	Choose Region 01
55	Choose Region 47

Previous Cancel Next

You will now select the primary region you would like to register your license. Scroll down the list in the left box and click on a region. You can only select one at this time. You will have an opportunity to add additional regions at no charge once this wizard is complete. When finished, click "Next."

Type here to search

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Please answer the following required questions of the Professional Development Disclosure Statement.

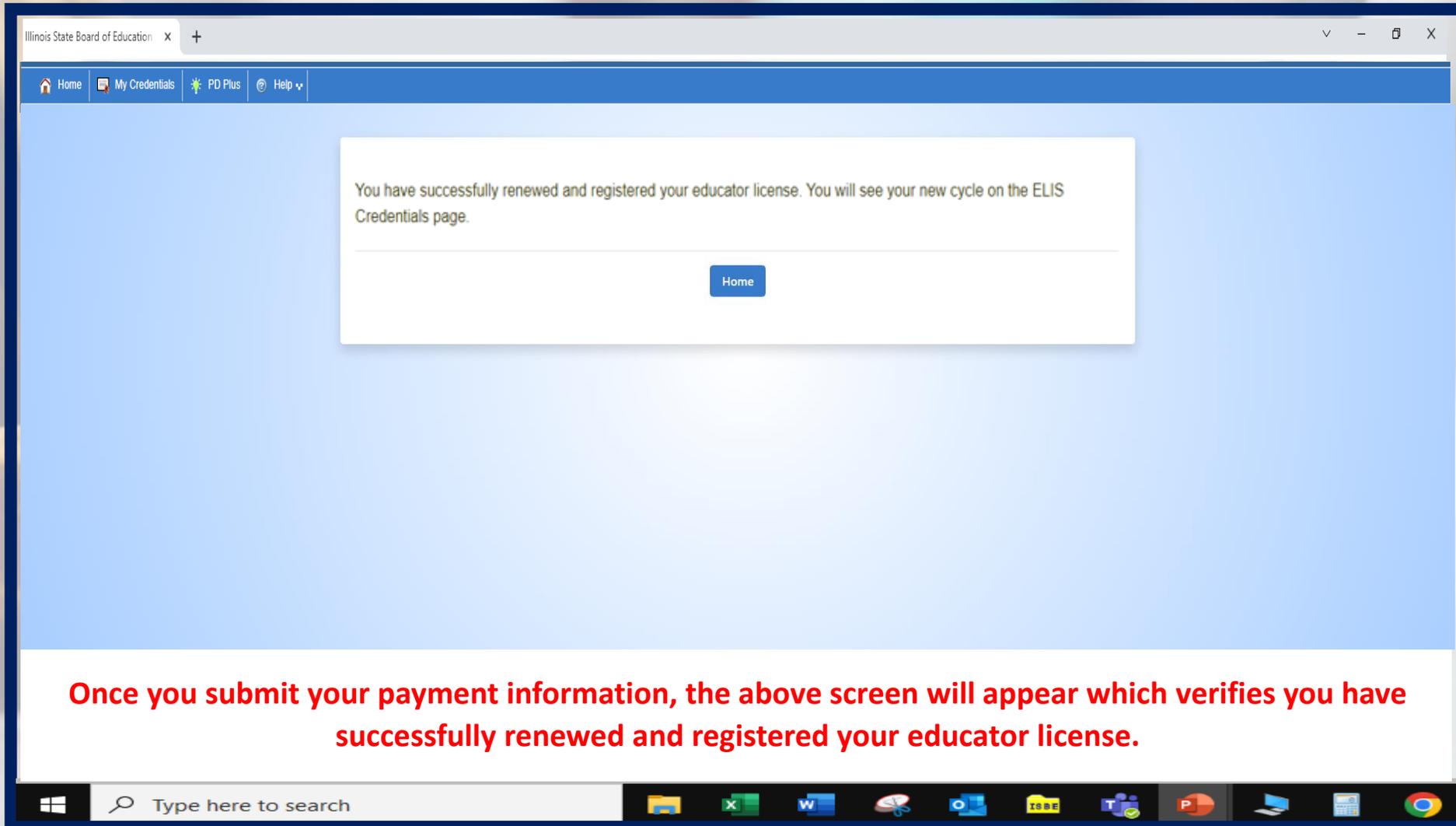
Yes No I have met the professional development requirements for the current five-year renewal cycle. I have maintained the required evidence of completion and agree to submit upon request.
(Retired and exempt educators, or educators whose license does not require Professional Development, answer YES. You will NOT be asked to submit documentation to ISBE.)

Yes No I confirm that I am the individual who holds the credential(s) being renewed and that I answered all question honestly.

Both questions must be answered Yes to continue.

Submit Payment

Answer the two questions on this screen as they apply to you.
Once you answer YES to both questions, the “Submit Payment” option will appear.
Click “Submit Payment” to enter your debit, credit, or prepaid card information on the next screen.
If you're using a prepaid card, ensure that the card balance covers both the application fee and the processing fee.
Both questions must be answered YES to continue.



Once you submit your payment information, the above screen will appear which verifies you have successfully renewed and registered your educator license.