

edTPA

Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field (PCTF)

Provisional Certificate in a Career and Technical Teaching Field (PCCT)

CHANGE: Individuals who were issued the first PCTF or PCCT during the 2018-2019 scholastic year will now be required to pass the appropriate Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) test, rather than the edTPA, for issuance of the 3rd PCTF or PCCT.

The edTPA requirement will now be effective for those issued the first PCTF or PCCT during the 2019-2020 scholastic year.

A memorandum dated February 6, 2019, was disseminated regarding this change.

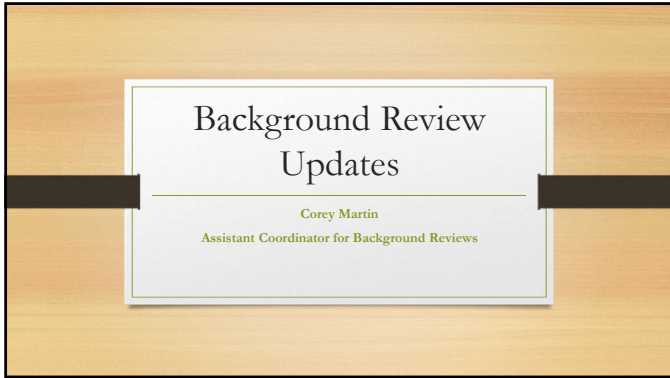
A separate memorandum dated January 30, 2019, was disseminated regarding edTPA training for LEA personnel.

Compliance Monitoring

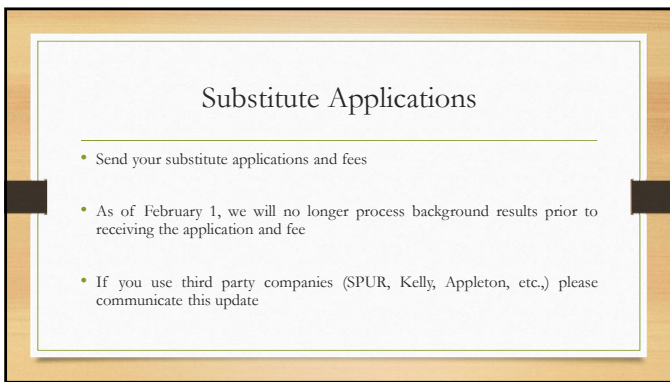
- Check the Schedules Application Portal...if there is a "NO" under the In-Field Column or the individual does not hold a valid certificate, your LEA will be cited. If there are individuals who do not have background clearance, your LEA will be cited.
- If additional information is requested, please provide responses as soon as possible.
- FYI....Data is pulled from the Schedules Application and student schedules
 - Check social security numbers
 - If teachers are no longer employed at a school make sure they are deleted.

Additional Items

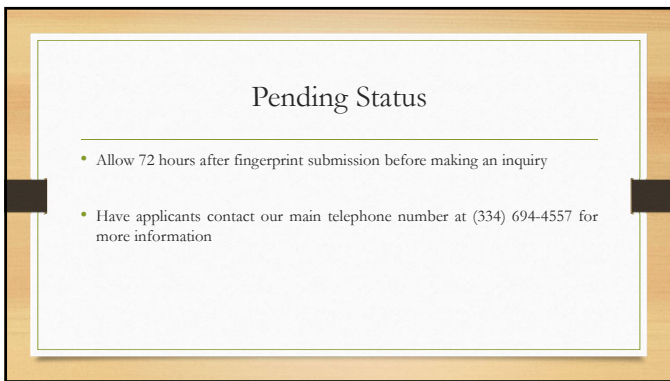
- Verification of Higher Degree
 - Make sure degree has been conferred and is posted on the official transcript
 - Doctoral transcripts are not routinely sent to our office, make sure to submit the official transcript with the VOHD form.
- New telephone number (334) 694-4557; calls are answered between 10AM - 12Noon AND 1PM - 5PM
- Soon we will have an application posted that will allow us to waive the initial certification fee for military personnel and their spouses. The fee for background clearance cannot be waived.
- Please remember that we are no longer returning incomplete Substitute Applications, please check the comments on the file.
- Possible training in the near future for individuals who are new to Certification.
- Flexibility approved by Dr. Mackey:
 - Issuance of the Level I & Level II Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Certificates-Regarding the October 1 date for requirements to be met for the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Certificate. The applications will be updated ASAP. If you have individuals who could benefit from this flexibility, please email Patrice Wasden pwdsden@alstde.edu and she will work through the details with you.



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A presentation slide with a light wood-grain background. A white rectangular box with a thin black border is centered on the slide. The title "Substitute Applications" is written in a black, serif font at the top. Below the title, there is a horizontal line, followed by a bulleted list of three items in a black, sans-serif font. Two black horizontal bars are positioned on either side of the white box.



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Correspondence


- Classified applicants for employment will receive either a conviction letter, suitability letter, or closed letter (a copy of each will also be provided to local superintendents)
- Applicants for certificates, licenses, or permits will not receive letters of suitability
- Check the certification portal regularly for updates

ALEA Criminal Updates

- No change in our current understanding with ALEA
- Updated arrest records are provided to ALSDE when we can provide sufficient justification
- Monitor the Certification Portal regularly and contact our office when there is a change in status

Responsibility to Report Misconduct

September 8, 2018



The Requirement to Report Misconduct

Each superintendent shall submit to the Alabama State Superintendent of Education within ten calendar days of the occurrence the name and local security number of each educator (including an Alabama certificate or license who is terminated, is non-renewed, resigns, is placed on administrative leave for cause, and shall include the report, the report copies, supporting evidence, and any other information requested, such as interview and disciplinary records. See report to the board of education form. Each superintendent shall report to the board of education and shall submit the evidence requested.

Events That Trigger a Requirement to Report

- Employment is terminated for cause
- Certificate is non-renewed for cause
- Resignation is received for cause
- Placement on administrative leave for cause

Examples of Misconduct (Superintendents Report)

- Allegations of sexual contact or a sexual relationship between a teacher and a child or student. This includes, but is not limited to: inappropriate touching, sexual harassment, hazing, inappropriate personal contact, possession of child pornography, or possession of materials that constitute or promote the procurement of child pornography. This includes, but is not limited to, the distribution, possession, or manufacture of a teacher. This includes, but is not limited to, the possession, distribution, or manufacture of a teacher. This includes, but is not limited to, the possession, distribution, or manufacture of a teacher.
- Allegations of illegal conduct, including, but not limited to, the possession, distribution, or manufacture of any drug, the illegal manufacture of any drug, the abuse or possession of any drug.
- Allegations of child abuse or neglect. This includes, but is not limited to, reporting to a school system, including public or private schools, or using public resources or facilities for private gain.
- Allegations of falsifying or manipulating student data. This includes, but is not limited to, falsifying or manipulating student data, including, but not limited to, falsifying or manipulating student data.
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- Allegations of the harassment of colleagues.

Reports should be mailed to:
 Al Carey Martin, State Superintendent of Educational Review
 1000 APB Building and Center
 Education Certification Section
 P.O. Box 651122-0000
 Montgomery, AL 36166-0122

Additional questions may be directed to the Educator Certification Section at (204) 658-4057.

Survey Results

- 81% of LEAs offered feedback
- 59% of responding school systems use a third-party vendor to manage certain staffing needs
- 98% of responding school systems support reoccurring background checks, with 88% agreeing they should occur at 5 year intervals or sooner