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## **SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY APPROVAL for SPECIAL EDUCATION**

A Short-Term Emergency Approval allows an individual who already holds a valid Professional Educator's License (PEL) to serve K-12 students with the following disabilities, regardless of their endorsements: learning disabilities, social emotional disorders, mental retardation, physical disabilities, autism, and traumatic brain injuries. This approval is meant to fill vacant positions for which no other qualified teacher could be found. It may also be used to expand the approved grade range of an educator who is already endorsed in Special Education (LBS1) for the same reason. A Short-Term Emergency Approval may be issued to an individual who already holds a PEL and meets the following requirements:

1. Complete coursework in the survey of exceptional children **and** at least **one** of the other three areas of coursework required for the LBS1 approval listed below:
  - a. General characteristics of children with disabilities within the LBS1 scope
  - b. General methods for teaching children with disabilities within the LBS1 scope
  - c. Psychological assessment of children with disabilities within the LBS1 scope
2. Has a plan of study identifying enrollment in an educator preparation institution and coursework to be completed to qualify for the LBS1 approval or endorsement within the three-year validity period of the short-term emergency approval.

The educator must complete and submit the following prior to applying for a Short-Term Approval:

- Official transcript(s) proving the required college coursework
- Documentation to be provided by the employing district describing the nature of the class, position, supervision, etc.
- Application for Short-Term Emergency Approval, completed by the school district where the class will be taught  
[https://www.isbe.net/Documents/73-86\\_emergency\\_speced.pdf](https://www.isbe.net/Documents/73-86_emergency_speced.pdf)

This approval is valid for three (3) years and allows the educator to teach Special Education outside of their content area or grade range while they work toward meeting the endorsement requirements for the LBS1 endorsement. **THIS APPROVAL CANNOT BE RENEWED.** If the educator does not meet the LBS1 requirements by the time the Short-Term Emergency Approval expires, the educator will no longer be allowed to teach in the approved content area or grade. **THIS APPROVAL WILL NOT BE ISSUED AFTER JULY 1ST, 2020.** More information on the Short-Term Emergency Approval can be found here: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/educator-licensure-approvals.aspx>

For questions regarding this process, please call the Regional Office of Education at 309-734-6822 and ask for Brittany Stegall, or email her at [bstegall@roe33.net](mailto:bstegall@roe33.net).