



Steps for Paraprofessional License Application

Requirements:

1. Be at least 19 years of age **and**;
2. Show proof of **one (1)** of the following requirements:
 - a. Associates degree or higher **and** a High School Diploma or GED; **or**
 - b. 60 semester hours of coursework **and** a High School Diploma or GED
 - c. High School Diploma or GED **and** a score of 460 or higher on the ETS Parapro
 - d. High School Diploma or GED **and** the following scores on the ACT Workkeys:
 - Applied Mathematics/Applied Math (with a score of 4)
 - Reading for information/Workplace Documents (with a score of 4)

Notes:

- Paraprofessional licenses are valid for 5 years and may be renewed with the payment of registration fees.

You will use ELIS (Educator Licensure Information System) to apply for and register your license.

Here are the steps to create an ELIS account:

- Go to www.isbe.net ISBE recommends using Internet Explorer or Firefox. Do not use your phone or iPad.
- Click on "Teachers"
- Click on "Login to ELIS"
- Click on "Login to your ELIS Account"
- Click "Click here for first time access to the ELIS system" on the right hand side of the page and follow the instructions for setting up the account.
- Once logged in to ELIS, you will apply for the Paraprofessional License and follow the application wizard
- After your license is issued you will log back into your ELIS account and register the license by clicking on "Registrations" and following the prompts. (your license will not be issued until ISBE has your qualifying documents)
- A debit or credit card is required for all application and registration payments.

Additional Information:

- Provide the Regional Office with an official copy (in a sealed envelope from the college/university) of your transcript or your official Parapro test scores you received in the mail. If you would like us to receive an electronic copy from the college, please give either Cassie Parks (309-575-3229) in Macomb or Lori Beecham (309-518-4017) in Canton a call before requesting the electronic transcript.
- Provide the Regional Office with a copy of your high school diploma or GED. A transcript from the high school with a graduation date is also acceptable.
- If you have additional questions, please contact either Cassie Parks (309-575-3229) in Macomb or Lori Beecham (309-518-4017) in Canton.