

RETELL: Overview, Requirements & Frequently Asked Questions

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What is RETELL?

- Rethinking Equity and Teaching for English Language Learners
- It is a set of new regulations to support the teaching of English Language Learners through comprehensive professional development training and new standards.
- See this link for more information: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/retell/>

15 PDP Recertification Requirement

The required distribution of Professional Development Points (PDPs) has changed for all educators who renew a primary license on or after July 1, 2016. Educators who renew their primary license on or after July 1, 2016 must earn:

- (a) At least 15 PDPs related to Sheltered English Immersion or English as a Second Language.
- (b) At least 15 PDPs related to training in strategies for effective schooling for students with disabilities and the instruction of students with diverse learning styles.

This is not a one time requirement, but will be needed each time an educator recertifies.

The ESL department is offering a course, **Meeting the Needs of Our English Language Learners**, that will fulfill the 15 PDP in ESL requirement. Sign up for this course is through SmartEDU. Other courses may also be available through EDCO and other providers.

Teachers and Administrators who took the SEI Endorsement Course can use those PDPs to fulfill the 15 ESL PDP requirement. If you received the SEI Endorsement through the SEI MTEL, you need to earn 15 PDPs of ESL, as no PDPs are awarded for taking the MTEL.

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Requirements

If you are a core academic teacher (CAT) who taught an ELL in school year 13/14, 14/15 or 15/16 school years you must earn the SEI teacher endorsement by July 1, 2016. You will not be able to renew or extend your license until you get the SEI Endorsement.

Additionally, teachers who have an ELL placed in their classroom after School Year 15/16, will need to get the SEI Endorsement in one year.

You will no longer be able to get an initial license in a Core Academic Subject without the SEI Endorsement.

Routes to the SEI Endorsement

Possession of ESL License- Requires an additional 150 hour practicum

Passing Score on SEI MTEL

Completion of DESE approved SEI Endorsement Course

Frequently Asked Questions

I have a valid ESL license. Do I qualify for the SEI Endorsement?

- Yes. Teachers with a valid ESL license are automatically eligible for the endorsement. You must go onto ELAR and apply for the Endorsement.

How does the SEI Endorsement Course affect my PDPs?

- For this initiative DESE is permitting educators to “carry over” PDPs earned in one renewal cycle towards their next renewal cycle if they have taken the approved SEI Endorsement course of study and already accumulated more than enough PDPs. This means you will be able to bank PDPs for your next renewal cycle.
- Teachers who hold a Professional license may use the 67.5 PDPs earned for successful completion of the SEI Endorsement course as part of license renewal. All 67.5 PDPs may count as “content” PDPs or may count toward s the required 15 PDPs in SEI/ESL that are required after 2016.

If I already possess a valid MA ESL Teacher License am I eligible for the credits/stipend?

- Yes. Follow instructions for application that exist in the RETELL FAQ folder.

I took the course and to my knowledge have passed it. Why does my endorsement still say “pending”?

- As with all licensure/endorsement it will take some time for the DESE to change your status from “pending” to “approved”. Plan to check your ELAR page often after completing the course to check status of your endorsement.