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New Educator Certification System – NJEdCert Launch

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) will launch the New Jersey Educator Certification System (NJEdCert) on May 31, 2022, replacing the existing Teacher Certification Information System (TCIS). The NJDOE is responsible for the review and issuance of approximately 30,000 certificates to public educators in New Jersey annually. Successful functioning of an educator certification system is critical to ensuring current and future educators have systems in place to support their certification attainment, and that all New Jersey students have access to an appropriately certified teacher. NJEdCert will lead to a more efficient process for timely issuance of certificates, as NJDOE works toward achieving its vision of becoming a more responsive, forward thinking, and innovative agency.

The new NJEdCert system will:

- Eliminate manual processes and physical paper submissions;
- Provide applicants with real-time updates on their certification status, a checklist to clearly identify requirements and deficiencies, and other automated notifications;
- Streamline and automate the approved educator preparation program provider (batch) submission process;
- Integrate the current provisional program database;
- Enhance reporting capabilities; and
- Enhance access and integration capabilities for candidates, colleges, county offices, and school districts.

To support end users in the transition to NJEdCert, the NJDOE has training materials to provide certification officers necessary information to navigate district processes:

The **District Training Material** includes:

- Portal login
- Provisional process
- Initiating renewals
- Providing evaluations
- Updating mentorship

Contact Information

Questions concerning the NJEdCert system can be directed to licensing.requests@doe.nj.gov.

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