

Educator's Name: _____ Date: _____

Educational Leader Level 1 (EDL1) Certificate: Graduate Degree Pathway

Educational Leader (EDL) is the certificate needed by those who fill school and district educational leadership positions (e.g. assistant principal, principal, parish/city supervisor of instruction, supervisor of child welfare/attendance, sped supervisor, or comparable school or district leader positions). If the requirements below are met, an EDL1 letter of eligibility is issued. The certificate will be issued at the request of the employing Louisiana school system upon verification of employment in an educational leader capacity. Refer to the [Educational Leader Application](#) packet for more details.

The following four requirements must be completed to be eligible for EDL: Graduate Degree Pathway.

<i>Eligibility requirements:</i>	Yes	No
1. Hold or be eligible to hold a Louisiana Type B or Level 2 teaching certificate or have a comparable level out-of-state teaching certificate. <i>A Louisiana teaching certificate must be valid* to add eligibility and the qualifying degree. The teaching certificate is not required to be valid if currently employed in a leadership capacity and the employing school system submits the request to issue the EDL1.</i> Additional documentation is required to verify comparable level out-of-state teaching certificates. Please use Ask a Question on TeachLALive! if not currently certified in Louisiana to request additional guidance.		
2. Have three years of teaching experience.		
3. Completion of a competency-based graduate degree program in the area of educational leadership from an institution of higher education accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602 . If the degree is not conferred on official transcripts in " Educational Leadership " specifically, a letter from the dean of education or the dean of the graduate school must be submitted verifying that the degree program is aligned with the National Policy Board for Educational Administration's Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL).		
4. Have a passing score on the Praxis School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) or the Louisiana Leadership Assessment Series (LLAS) in accordance with state requirements.		

*[Verify certificate is valid](#) (not expired) before requesting eligibility. Consult with the Louisiana employing school system to make certificate valid BEFORE submitting application for EDL eligibility if the certificate has expired or is nearing expiration.

To request EDL1 eligibility or certification use the [Educational Leader Application packet](#). Submit the request with all applicable items listed in the application packet checklist, as one PDF, through the [online certification portal](#).

Extension Guidelines: An EDL1 is valid for three years initially and may be extended thereafter for a period of one year at the request of an LEA. EDL1 certificates are limited to two such extensions.

Advancement to EDL2 from EDL1 Guidelines: Individuals must be employed in a leadership capacity with a Louisiana school/school system for at least three years and meet the standards of effectiveness as an educational leader for three years, verified in accordance with §103 of [Bulletin 746 - Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel](#).

_____ Signature of Applicant acknowledging the information indicated above is true/accurate.	_____ Date
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<i>For use by the Certification Office only:</i>	
_____ Evaluating Specialist	_____ Date