Frequently Asked Questions – Credential Renewal

Did OSSE receive my renewal application?
Applicants may use their ECIS V2.0 account to verify receipt of an application to the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE). Also, by logging in to their account, applicants can check the processing status of their application at any time. Application status information is found in the "*Additional Applications*" section under the "*Status*" column.

- o Click this link to sign in to your ECIS account.

When is the earliest I can renew my credential?
Active credential holders with a credential that is due to expire within five months or 150 days of the credential expiration date may submit a renewal application. Submitting an application too soon will result in the rejection of your application and forfeiture of fee(s) paid.

Can my expiration date be extended?
No, OSSE does not grant extensions on the expiration date of an educator credential. However, educators may submit appropriate documents to reinstate their expired credential(s) by meeting any one of the available renewal pathways. Additional information is detailed at Credential Renewal | osse (dc.gov).

How can I determine appropriate content for professional learning activities?
The content or focus of professional development training activities must clearly align with one of the domain areas listed in Acceptable Content for Professional Learning Activities. When using the professional learning units renewal option, applicants must have completed at least 50 percent, amounting to at least 60 hours, of the required 120 clock hours with activities that have a primary focus on delivering content-specific training. **Content-specific** means content that directly relates to the instructional or service curriculum area of the credential and is not general content that would apply across all subject areas.
For questions regarding the content of a particular activity that may be of interest, the educator must contact the organization offering the training activity to review the corresponding course description and/or syllabus to obtain information regarding the intended target population and the anticipated outcomes that it was designed to meet. OSSE recommends that educators seeking professional development opportunities refer to Key Considerations for Educators Contemplating Professional Learning.
Please be advised that OSSE does not pre-approve professional learning activities which are not specifically sponsored or facilitated by OSSE.

Which LEA educator evaluation systems are accepted for performance-based renewal?

Currently, DC Public Schools (DCPS) is the **only** DC LEA that administers an educator evaluation system that is recognized by OSSE for credential renewal purposes. Credential holders evaluated under any performance rating system **within or outside** of the District of Columbia, other than the DCPS Impact evaluation system, must meet the conditions for either the [Professional Learning Units](#) or [Test Scores](#) option to renew their credential(s).