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## **Fact Sheet for the Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) of 2010 (Public Act 96-0861)**

### **Is My Evaluator Qualified to Evaluate Me?**

Beginning September 1, 2012, all evaluators in Illinois were required to be pre-qualified before evaluating teachers. Through December 31, 2018, completion of *Growth Through Learning* fulfilled this requirement. Beginning January 1, 2019, to pre-qualify, individuals must successfully complete Administrator Academy #2001, developed and offered by member organizations of the state Performance Evaluation Advisory Council (PEAC).

In addition, all pre-qualified evaluators are required to complete subsequent state retraining requirements to continue serving as evaluators. Retraining requirements are connected to each individual's license renewal cycle. Retraining applies to each evaluator's first renewal cycle after the date they completed pre-qualification. Retraining is required in every license renewal cycle. Retraining requirements will be met through the Administrator Academy structure. For information on retraining timelines, see this [ISBE FAQ](https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Evaluator-retraining-FAQs.pdf) (<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Evaluator-retraining-FAQs.pdf>). For examples of retraining timelines based on licensure renewal cycle, see page 7 of the FAQ.

As evaluators complete pre-qualification training and retraining, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) posts qualifications to each evaluator's ELIS account. This information is available through the ISBE public portal in the ELIS system.

#### **To check evaluator pre-qualification, complete the following steps:**

1. Go to [ELIS](https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure-Information-System.aspx) (<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure-Information-System.aspx>)
2. Select Public Search
3. Enter the name of the person, school, or district you are searching for and click "search educators"
4. Select the person you are looking for
5. Look for the section labeled "evaluation qualifications" and make sure that the "teacher" tab is highlighted – If it is blank or is not displayed, then ELIS has no record of the individual completing pre-qualification and/or retraining.

Please note: There is a time lag between the time an evaluator completes training and the information posting to the evaluator's ELIS account. ELIS may not reflect the most recent information.

**If you are concerned about the information you find in ELIS regarding your evaluator, contact your union representative.**

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