

Educator Licensing Newsletter



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Licensing Team Availability

Beginning in June, the licensing team will meet Monday mornings 9-10:30am. We will not be available during that time for phone calls or educator meetings. We will still offer "office hours" on Fridays 12pm-2pm. [Hop into the meeting](#) with your questions at any time between 12pm-2pm on Friday.

Licensing Coaching

Book a licensing coaching session: [Book time with Malia Hite](#)

If you have any specific feedback for the Educator Licensing team to consider, please contact [Malia Hite](#).

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CACTUS/USIMS Transition Tentative Timeline

CACTUS Rollover: The **CACTUS system will be offline from noon on June 30, 2026 until 8:00am July 8, 2026**. This may affect some applicants and educators. During this time, educators cannot create a CACTUS ID through USIMS.

USIMS Deployment: The CACTUS RDS will go offline mid-August. After all CACTUS data is migrated to USIMS, LEA users will be sent login information for USIMS.

- LEA USIMS User Functionality:
 - Assignments (Current/Historical)
 - License Info (Current/Historical)
 - Background & UPPAC/Discipline Status
 - Dossier (View access)

Annual Licensing USIMS Training – July 30th 1pm

SY27 Annual Licensing Training & USIMS Launch Supports

Register for the USBE Educator Licensing team for our [Annual Educator Licensing Training \(SY27\)](#)! We will cover the upcoming CACTUS-to-USIMS transition and review licensing requirements, including critical updates. [Register here.](#)

Key Support Updates:

- Current CACTUS Tools: System navigation will not be covered live. New users should watch the Annual CACTUS Training Video and attend our weekly Friday Office Hours for technical help.
- Mid-August USIMS Launch: An asynchronous USIMS Training for LEA Users will debut in mid-August as the platform goes live.
- Daily Transition Support: The Licensing Team will host daily office hours once the new system is live to assist with the migration.

Watch future newsletters for registration links, training modules, and updated office hours schedules!

MIDAS to Altitude Transition

The USBE is shifting from MIDAS to a new platform called Altitude. MIDAS is currently inactive. No new work or continuing work is allowed in the MIDAS platform. The current MIDAS platform will not be accessible after June 30, 2026. Educators may download your MIDAS transcript for their personal record—highly recommended!

DOPL SLPs & Audiologists

The DOPL SLP & Audiology Licensing Board will meet June 16, 2026 at 9am. You may review the agenda and draft rule for SLP and Audiologist transitions to DOPL licensing on their website:

<https://www.utah.gov/pmn/sitemap/notice/1079919.html>

R277-301 Proposed Board Rule Amendments

The Law & Licensing Committee will consider [Draft 1 R277-301 Educator Licensing](#) in a special July meeting. Proposed amendments comply with DOPL SLP/Audiologist licensing changes and allow Associate license areas to be extended for up to two years.

APPEL-SpEd Enrollment Paused:

APPEL-SpEd program is pausing new enrollments from June 30th-July 19th due to MIDAS system changes. Current participants will continue as usual during the enrollment pause. For more information, please contact appel-sped@schools.utah.gov.

Educator Licensure System General Retention Schedule Updated

The state general retention schedule for CACTUS/USIMS was updated in June. See the [Educator Licensure System General Retention Schedule](#). No action from LEAs is required.

World Languages Endorsement Updates

The ACTFL Written Language Test (WPT) is accepted for languages where there is no Praxis. Please see the updated World Languages [Application](#) and [Specs](#), now available and posted on the [website](#).

Educator Licensing: Summer 2026 System Transition & Action Items

LEGACY SYSTEMS: CACTUS & MIDAS



MIDAS Final Sunset: June 30, 2026

Inactive for new work. Becomes inaccessible after this date. Download transcripts immediately.

JUNE 30 - JULY 8: SYSTEM OFFLINE



CACTUS Rollover Shutdown

Offline from noon June 30 to 8:00 AM July 8. No CACTUS ID creation.

JUNE 30 - JULY 19: ENROLLMENT PAUSE



APPEL-SpEd Enrollment Pause

Due to system changes. Current participants may continue.

July 30 @ 1:00 PM: TRAINING



Annual Licensing Training

Covers CACTUS-to-USIMS transition & SY27 updates. Registration required.

MID-AUGUST: FULL DEPLOYMENT



USIMS Full Deployment & MIDAS to Altitude Transition

CACTUS RDS offline. Migrated data live in USIMS. LEA login credentials issued. USBE shifts PD tracking to Altitude.

USIMS Platform Capabilities



Once launched, LEA users view assignments, license info, background/UPPAC status, and educator dossiers. Daily Transition Support (post-launch office hours).

PROGRAM & POLICY UPDATES



Rule R277-301 Amendments: Proposed changes align with DOPL for SLPs/Audiologists; Associate license area extension up to two years.



World Languages Endorsement: ACTFL WPT now accepted for languages without Praxis exam (updated specs).

LICENSING TEAM AVAILABILITY & SUPPORT



Monday Morning 'Quiet Hours': Starting June, team unavailable 9:00 AM–10:30 AM for meetings.



Weekly Friday Office Hours: Technical help & licensing questions, drop-in virtual meeting, 12:00 PM–2:00 PM.