How will the move to licensure affect individuals holding an NCLB Paraprofessional Approval or a State Paraprofessional Approval?

NCLB Paraprofessional Approvals

- NCLB Paraprofessionals
  - May provide instructional support in any school that includes programs supported by Title I, Part A funds
  - Must hold a high school diploma or GED AND
  - Must hold an associate’s degree or have earned a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher education OR
  - Must have passed a test of basic skills (currently defined as the ETS Parapro or the ACT Workkeys)
    - ETS Parapro Assessment score of 460 or higher;
    - ACT WorkKeys assessments score of Acceptable
    - (Applied Mathematics - 4; Reading for Information - 4; Business Writing - 3; AND Instructional Support Inventory which requires observation of an applicant in a classroom setting - Acceptable)

- NCLB Paraprofessional Approvals will be exchanged for the new paraprofessional educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations. License holders must register the license by paying the registration fee of $50.00 [$10.00/year for five years] upon receipt. The license will be valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of the endorsement being issued. The license does not automatically renew, but it may be renewed through application and payment of the appropriate fee.

- After the transition to the licensure system, individuals must apply for the paraprofessional endorsement on an educator license with stipulations and pay an application fee of $75.00. Applicants will need to meet the requirements stated above to receive the license.

- An individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator endorsement is not subject to additional requirements in order to renew the endorsement.

State-Approved Paraprofessionals

- Individuals holding a State Paraprofessional Approval may not provide instructional support in programs funded by Title I, Part A.

- The State Paraprofessional Approval requires that the applicant:
  - Holds a high school diploma or GED AND
  - Has earned 30 semester hours of college credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

- State-Approved Paraprofessionals will not be able to obtain a paraprofessional endorsement on an educator license with stipulations unless they meet the requirements for an NCLB paraprofessional. Individuals holding a State-Approved Paraprofessional Approval will be able to maintain the approval. There is no registration fee for this credential.

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1 Evidence is the ACT WorkKeys “Proficiency Certificate for Teacher Assistants” or an official score report