

VIII. License Revocation and Suspension

A teaching license may be suspended for up to five years or revoked upon evidence of immorality, a condition of health detrimental to the welfare of pupils, incompetency, unprofessional conduct, the neglect of any professional duty, abuse or neglect of a child, the willful failure to report an instance of child abuse or neglect, failure to repay an Illinois guaranteed student loan or other just cause. Incompetency includes receiving two unsatisfactory evaluations within a seven year period. Suspension and revocation proceedings may be initiated only by the state superintendent. The superintendent may, in addition to or in lieu of suspension or revocation, require the teacher to seek professional development.

Before a license may be suspended or revoked, charges must be served on the teacher. The teacher may request that a hearing in the regional office of education held pursuant to rules adopted by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board and the State Board will issue a final decision.

A final decision to revoke or suspend a license may be appealed to the courts.

If a license holder is convicted of certain sex or narcotics offenses, a teaching license is automatically suspended. If the conviction is reversed on appeal and the person is acquitted following a new trial or charges are dismissed, the suspension is lifted. If the conviction becomes final, the license is automatically revoked.