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Connecticut Educator Certification News from
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New Connecticut Educator Certification System: Overview and Launch

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is in the process of adopting a new cloud-based certification application portal to replace the current Connecticut Educator Certification System (CECS). The official launch date of the new and improved CECS is **November 10, 2026**.

New CECS:

- It is a modern, computer-based software that helps protect your certification data and makes the system more reliable.
- It will support the processing of educator certification applications and maintain educators' professional journeys.
- It will significantly reduce the need for the CSDE to scan required documentation.
- It will reduce the timelines for processing educator certification applications.
- It will allow Connecticut districts to submit district-based applications (e.g., ED 177, ED 175) directly into the system.
- It will allow Connecticut Educator Preparation Programs (EPP) to submit certification recommendations directly into the system.

Dates to Remember:

- October 29, 2026, to November 10, 2026: CECS completely offline
- November 3, 4, & 5, 2026: New CECS onsite training; district and EPP webinars
- November 10, 2026: New CECS official launch date
- November 10, 2026, and throughout 2026 and 2027: Continuous system improvements will be made, along with support for educators, districts, and EPPs.

The CSDE will work continuously to ensure this transition to the new CECS is as smooth as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we work to improve system practices and properly train all users to access and utilize the new system successfully. Ongoing communication, including user guides and recorded webinars, will be published to keep all stakeholders up-to-date and will be posted on the [CECS Login page](#) on the CSDE website.

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CECS will be offline effective 12:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2026, as we prepare to launch the new and more effective licensure platform. During this window, the current CECS portal will be unavailable while we transition to the new system. If your application is time-sensitive, please submit it BEFORE October 29, 2026, to avoid delays during the transition period. Educators will not be able to access their CECS accounts during this time.

If you need to submit a new certification application during this time, please contact the [Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification](#) for assistance. During this time, our office will continue to accept and date-stamp paper applications, but we will not be able to enter them into the system until the new CECS is fully operational. Please note that the transition to the new system will cause delays in processing paper applications.

What happens to my educator certificate or application data during this time? Your educator certificate and application data will be preserved as we transition to the new platform. When the new platform launches, you will discover all your existing certifications and in-progress applications under your profile. User guides and help resources will be available within the portal to assist you step-by-step.

What can I expect from the new CECS? All in-progress applications will carry over to the new system. User guides will be available within the portal to assist you in navigating the site.

How do I check the status of my educator certification or application? Educators will be able to check the status of their certification and application once the new portal is live on November 10, 2026, by logging into their account and viewing their dashboard. **NOTE:** Once the new system launches, the CSDE will no longer print and mail educator certificates, permits, or authorizations. Certified educators and districts will be able to save and print their certificates directly from the new CECS.

The new CECS portal will be available to users effective 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2026.