

Verification of Lawful Presence Form Submission Requirement as Part of MDE Educator Licensure Application Packet

To All Prospective and Practicing Mississippi Educators,

Effective July 1, 2021, the educator licensure application packet must include the required completed and notarized “Verification of Lawful Presence” form when submitting your application for licensure. This form must be submitted by all Citizens of the United States (US) and Non-US citizens.

To expedite the processing of your request, please complete the “Verification of Lawful Presence” form, which includes having the document notarized, and uploaded to the “Correspondence” section of your Educator Licensure Management System (ELMS) account [<https://sso.mde.k12.ms.us/Login/Login.aspx>]. The form may be accessed via the following web link: [<https://www.mdek12.org/OEL/Forms>] or [[Click Here](#)]. All original documents to be used as part of the licensure application packet must be scanned and then uploaded to your ELMS account as a PDF file.