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IDFPR Finishes Phase 2 Implementation of New Licensing System

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) announced today that 25 more license types are now available for licensure via the Department's new online licensing system, [CORE \(Comprehensive Online Regulatory Environment\)](#). Today's announcement marks the successful completion of CORE's Phase 2, during which IDFPR added 88 license types to CORE. The license types added today are:

Athletic Trainer Continuing Education Sponsor	Optometry Continuing Education Sponsor
Barber/Cosmetologist/Esthetician/Nail Technician Continuing Education Sponsor	Prescribing Psychologist Clinical Rotations Program
Canine Handler Training Course	Professional Counselor Continuing Education Sponsor
Dental/Dental Hygienist Continuing Education Sponsor	Psychologist Continuing Education Sponsor
Dietitian/Nutrition Counselor Continuing Education Sponsor	Respiratory Care Practitioner Continuing Education Sponsor
Environmental Health Practitioner	Sex Offender [Treatment] Evaluator
Firearm Training Course	Sex Offender [Treatment] Provider
Geologist	Associate Sex Offender [Treatment] Provider
Hair Braider	Social Work Continuing Education Sponsor
Hair Braiding Teacher	Surgical Assistant
Marriage And Family Therapy Continuing Education Sponsor	Surgical Technologist
Naprapathy Continuing Education Sponsor	Temporary Genetic Counselor
Nursing Home Administrator Continuing Education Sponsor	

"Today, we celebrate the completion of CORE's Phase 2, and we remain dedicated to building a more efficient and accessible regulatory environment for professionals seeking to work in Illinois," said **IDFPR Secretary Mario Treto, Jr.** "By embracing technology, we are empowering our workforce, enhancing public safety, and ensuring everyone can thrive in Illinois."

In total, 95 license types are now available on CORE for professionals to apply for their first professional license in Illinois. Phase 2 focused on adding license types to CORE that were only available as paper applications, which required a longer processing review time. Individuals seeking their first license and whose license types are now available on CORE should utilize [IDFPR's new licensing system to apply for licensure](#). IDFPR will add all other license types and all other application methods (including renewals,

reinstatements, and restorations) to CORE across four additional phases, with full implementation set for August 2026. The remaining phases are:

Phase 1	Three pilot license types added to test system functionality. New applications only for clinical psychologists, nail technicians, and music therapists. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>This phase was completed on October 30, 2024.</u>
Phase 1.1	Four additional license types added to CORE. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>This phase was completed on January 21, 2025.</u>
Phase 2	Add most Division of Professional Regulation (DPR) license types with manual or paper processes, with a priority on healthcare licenses. This phase will be for new applications only. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Phase 2.1 was completed on June 10, 2025.</u>• <u>Phase 2.2 was completed on June 27, 2025.</u>• <u>Phase 2.3 was completed on July 15, 2025.</u>• <u>Phase 2.4 was completed on July 31, 2025.</u>
Phase 3	Full regulatory transition for DPR (which includes ALL application types, enforcement integration, and data migration of legacy licenses).
Phase 4	Full regulatory transition for the Division of Real Estate.
Phase 5	Full regulatory transition for the Division of Banking.
Phase 6	Full regulatory transition for the Division of Financial Institutions.

“The Illinois Association of Cosmetology Schools (IACS) is pleased to see cosmetology and esthetics licenses added to the CORE system. This important step will make it much easier for students, educators, and professionals to renew and manage their licenses online,” said **Karin Zosel, Executive Director of IACS**. “We appreciate the Department’s collaboration and commitment to simplifying the licensing process and supporting the beauty industry across Illinois.”

“The Illinois Society of Acupuncturists proudly supports the continued rollout of the CORE licensing system. IDFPR’s forward-thinking approach has streamlined licensure approval, making the process more efficient, professional-friendly, and easy to navigate,” said Dr. **Victoria Sous, Co-President of the Illinois Society of Acupuncturists**. “We truly appreciate the ease of use of the new system and commend the Department’s openness to feedback and dedication to implementing effective solutions. Their strong commitment to collaboration and innovation is driving meaningful progress in professional licensure.”

“The Illinois Funeral Directors Association is excited to see the Funeral Director & Embalmer license added to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation’s new licensing platform,” said **Ashli Turner, Executive Director of the Illinois Funeral Directors Association**. “This important advancement represents a significant step forward in streamlining and modernizing the licensure process for funeral service professionals across Illinois. We appreciate IDFPR’s commitment to working with the Association, and we remain dedicated to supporting our members through this transition.”

“The members of the Illinois Academy of Audiology are pleased that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has extended its CORE online license application process to include the licensure of audiologists,” said **Lauren Kelly, Au.D., President of the Illinois Academy of Audiology**. “The Academy values its relationship with the leadership of the Department and looks forward to continued collaboration to promote and ensure consumer protection.”

More about IDFPR can be found on the Department’s website at <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/>.