

Dyslexia Professional Development Credit Requirement

Idaho Code 33-1811 (4.c) mandates a one-time dyslexia professional development (PD) credit for specific education professionals, starting with 2025 certification renewals. This ensures educators and administrators have foundational training to support students with dyslexia. Once fulfilled, no additional courses are required.

Educators must complete an approved course offering either one semester credit or 15 clock hours, with the latter documented on an In-Service Verification Form. Proof of completion—a college/university transcript or a signed In-Service Verification Form—must accompany the renewal application. Approved courses are available on two lists: one for <u>district-provided courses</u> and another for <u>approved external providers</u>. Choosing a course from either list meets the requirement.

Who Must Complete This Requirement

The dyslexia one-credit PD requirement applies to instructional staff, administrators, and pupil personnel with specific endorsements listed below. If you do not hold the following endorsements, you do not need to meet this requirement.

- K-8 All Subjects
- Exceptional Child Education
- Blended Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education
- Administrators serving students from kindergarten through grade 5 at the time of renewal.
- School Counselors serving students from kindergarten through grade 5 at the time of renewal

Dyslexia Credit Requirement Starts in 2025

Starting in 2025, anyone renewing their certificate in 2025 or later who falls under this requirement must have completed the dyslexia PD credit to renew their certificate.

Special Cases

For **school counselors** and **administrators**, this requirement only applies if their current assignments involve serving K-5 students at the time of their certificate renewal. During the renewal process, the Idaho State Department of Education will verify everyone's assignment to determine whether this requirement applies.