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**News Release** 

## Educators in Colorado Can Now Pay for Licenses Online

If you are applying for a new educator license or renewing your current one through the Colorado Department of Education, you can now pay online with a credit card or electronic check.

The Colorado Department of Education today announced the availability of a new enhanced online payment service, implemented in collaboration with the state Web portal, Colorado Interactive at Colorado.gov.

"Formerly, educators paid for their licenses by mail or by delivering a payment to CDE in person," said Jami Goetz, Director of the Office of Professional Services, Educator Licensing unit at CDE. "With approximately 40,000 educator licenses processed per year in the state of Colorado, we needed to streamline the steps it takes educators to get a license."

The new payment system will allow users to select a \$15, \$30 or \$60 option for payment, depending on the license they select. The system will verify payment, by debit or credit card, and the educator can view a printable receipt page. Educators still need to mail or drop off a hard copy of their application, along with a receipt of their online payment, to CDE. On August 1, the unit will no longer accept checks. Applicants will only be able to pay online.

"We're excited to be able to enhance our service to educators across the state," said Norma Lawanson, Consultant, Office of Professional

Services at CDE. "Our goal is to make our services more accessible and efficient.

Educators may access this service at <a href="https://www.Colorado.gov/educatorlicense">www.Colorado.gov/educatorlicense</a>.

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