

Assignment 8b

Pathways and School Readiness Tax Credits

Pathways supports the School Readiness Tax Credit for directors and teachers by:

- Placing members on the appropriate career ladder based on the documentation received from them
- Advising members of what they need to advance
- Advising DSS & the Department of Revenue of all members who have achieved a tax credit eligible level on the career ladder by January 31st of the following year

Notes to Remember for the School Readiness Tax Credit:

- While directors may submit necessary information, it is ultimately the member's responsibility to make sure their information is submitted.
- Members should contact Pathways to update contact information and ensure that their level is current. Members may call at any time to check level or to see if we have received information sent to us.
- In order to maintain levels, CDA's and Professional Organization memberships must be current. Expired documents could result in the member moving to a lower level and not being eligible for the tax credit.
- Deadline for submitting information for the tax year is December 31st. Mail will be processed in the year that it is postmarked (for example—mail postmarked in 2009 will be processed for 2009. Mail postmarked 2010 will be processed for 2010).
- Pathways will mail members the necessary tax documents by January 31st of the following year. It will be based on the member's Pathways level as of the end of the tax year for which it will be filed.

Frequently Asked Questions

- How to file for tax credits - Because Pathways only supports the tax credit, we cannot answer specific questions about the credit. For tax credit information, Please go to www.qrslouisiana.com
- CDA/NAC - Pathways does not administer the CDA or NAC credentials nor does it provide training to receive either credential. Scholarships are available to assist in paying for both.
- Enrollment in Pathways - Participation in Pathways is strictly voluntary, however individuals **MUST** be enrolled to be eligible for the tax credit or to participate in Quality Start at 2 stars or higher

