

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Certification Test Exemption Application

Texas law allows individuals who are hearing impaired, according to the definition below, to be issued a Temporary Exemption Certificate, enabling them to serve as a teacher without passing certain written tests for educator certification ([Texas Education Code, Sections 21.048\[b-d\]](#)).

An individual who meets **both** of the following requirements is eligible to obtain the Temporary Exemption Certificate:

A. Meets the definition of hearing impaired by having a “a hearing impairment so severe that the person cannot process linguistic information with or without amplification.” (TEC §21.048[d][1]);

And

B. Satisfies all requirements for certification other than successful completion of the required certification exams. (Note: If successful completion of the TExES ASL test, TASC, and/or TASC-ASL is required, the individual—even if hearing impaired—must pass the test(s).)

Answers to common questions are found in the [Deaf and Hard of Hearing Test Exemption Instructions](#) found at <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification/educator-testing>

SECTION A: APPLICANT INFORMATION

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| Name (First, MI, Last) (Required): | |
| E-Mail Address (Required): | |
| TEA ID Number (Required): | |
| Primary Phone Number: | |

SECTION B: TEST REQUIREMENTS AFFECTED BY EXEMPTION

Enter your certification route (Educator Preparation Program or Certification by Examination):

List below the specific certification tests from which you seek an exemption. An exemption is not available for the TExES American Sign Language test, Texas Assessment of Sign Communication (TASC) or TASC-ASL.

Please include each Test Name and Test Number (Required):

Indicate the [educator preparation program \(EPP\)](#) that has prepared you in the certification areas listed above. (Required):

Date you completed or plan to complete all certification requirements except the required test.

SECTION C: APPLICANT’S AFFIDAVIT

I understand that by accepting this exemption that I can only add additional certification areas by being prepared by an approved Texas EPP. According to Texas Education Code (TEC) §21.048 (b) the State Board of Education (SBEC) may not administer a written examination to determine the competence of or level of performance of an educator who has a hearing impairment unless the examination has been field tested to determine its appropriateness, reliability and validity as applied to, and minimum acceptable performance scores for, persons with hearing impairments.

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| Signature and Date | |
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SECTION D: EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

To be completed by the EPP representative.

Accommodations used in university and alternative certification program (ACP) coursework:

Method of assessments used in university and ACP coursework:

This verifies that accommodations for assessments were made, as stated above, due to the candidate's inability to process auditory or linguistic information. This program supports the recommendation for test exemption and certification based on the EPP's determination of the candidate's qualification for the exemption and competency in each certification area, class and category in which certification is sought. This program verifies that training and assessments have been documented to demonstrate the candidate's competency of educator standards and content of each requested test and all documentation will be maintained for five years. This program can provide this documentation to TEA within seven days upon request.

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| EPP Name | |
| EPP Representative Name and Title | |
| EPP Representative E-mail | |
| EPP Representative Signature | |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Page one of this application should be completed by the test exemption waiver applicant.

Page two must be completed by an [approved Educator Preparation Program](#).

An [Audiologist Report](#) from a licensed audiologist must be received at TEA before your exemption status can be determined.

The application is not complete until this exemption application and an audiologist report has been received. The audiologist report can be included at the time the application is submitted, or the Audiologist may submit online directly to TEA by the submission form or through the [TEA Help Desk](#). No action will be taken unless TEA has received a completed application.

Submit the application at the [link](#) found online at:

<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification/educator-testing>

The QR code below will take you straight to the [submission form](#).

