

## Text of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC

### Chapter 230. Professional Educator Preparation and Certification

#### Subchapter B. General Certification Requirements

##### §230.11. General Requirements.

- (a) The only credits and degrees acceptable for certification of educators are those earned from and conferred by accredited institutions of higher education. All credit hour requirements for certification are semester credit hours or their equivalent.
- (b) An applicant for a Texas educator certificate must:
  - (1) be at least 18 years of age;
  - (2) submit to the criminal history review required by the Texas Education Code (TEC) §22.0831, not be disqualified by the TEC, §21.058, §21.060, or other Texas statute, and not be subject to administrative denial pursuant to §249.12 of this title (relating to Administrative Denial; Appeal) or a pending proceeding under Chapter 249 of this title (relating to Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases);
  - (3) not be disqualified by federal law;
  - (4) be willing to support and defend the constitutions of the United States and Texas;
  - (5) be able to communicate, listen, read, write, and comprehend the English language sufficiently to use it easily and readily in daily communication and teaching. English language proficiency shall be evidenced by one of the following:
    - (A) completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree at an accredited institution of higher education in the United States;
    - (B) if an undergraduate or graduate degree was earned at an institution of higher education outside of the United States, including territories of the United States, evidence must be provided under procedures approved by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff that the primary language of instruction was English; or
    - (C) verification of satisfactory scores on an English language proficiency examination(s) approved by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC);
  - (6) successfully complete appropriate examinations prescribed in §230.21 of this title (relating to Educator Assessment) for the educator certificate sought; and
  - (7) satisfy one or more of the following requirements:
    - (A) complete the requirements for certification specified in this chapter, Chapter 233 of this title (relating to Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates), Chapter 239 of this title (relating to Student Services Certificates), Chapter 241 of this title (relating to Principal Certificate), or Chapter 242 of this title (relating to Superintendent Certificate), and be recommended for certification by an approved educator preparation program;
    - (B) qualify under Subchapter H of this chapter (relating to Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States);
    - (C) qualify under §230.105 of this title (relating to Issuance of Additional Certificates Based on Examination);
    - (D) qualify for a career and technical education certificate based on skill and experience specified in §233.14 of this title (relating to Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area)); or

(E) qualify under Chapter 245 of this title (relating to Certification of Educators from Other Countries) ~~;~~ ~~or~~]

~~[(F) qualify for certification under §230.39 of this title (relating to Temporary Teacher Certificates).]~~

### **§230.13. Standard Certificate Requirements.**

- (a) Initial standard classroom teacher certificates that are not based on experience and preparation in a skill area shall require:
- (1) a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education;
  - (2) completion of and recommendation by an approved educator preparation program (EPP) by the application and issuance deadlines for the certificate ; and
  - (3) submission of passing scores on comprehensive examinations prescribed by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) as specified in §230.21 of this title (relating to Educator Assessment).
- (b) Standard career and technical education certificates based on experience and preparation in a skill area shall require:
- (1) a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. In the case of the trade and industrial education certificates, experience may be substituted for a bachelor's degree;
  - (2) preparation, experience, and/or licensure, certification, or registration in a skill area as described in §233.14 of this title (relating to Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area));
  - (3) completion of and recommendation by an approved EPP by the application and issuance deadlines for the certificate ; and
  - (4) submission of passing scores on comprehensive examinations prescribed by the SBEC as specified in §230.21 of this title.

### **§230.15. Certification of Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans.**

- ~~[(a) In the event of conflict with any other State Board for Educator Certification rule codified in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 7; policy; or procedure, this section and the Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 55, as amended, shall apply to the certification of military service members, military spouses, and military veterans.]~~
- ~~[(b) The application for certification of a military spouse, including an application based upon certification by a jurisdiction other than Texas that has certification requirements substantially similar to the Texas certification requirements, shall be processed as soon as practicable.]~~
- ~~[(c) As soon as practicable after the issuance of a one year certificate, Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff shall notify, in writing or by email, a military spouse of the requirements for obtaining a standard Texas certificate.]~~
- ~~[(d) A military spouse's standard Texas certificate that has expired within five years preceding the spouse's Texas application date, while the military spouse lived outside Texas for at least six months, may be renewed by the military spouse.]~~
- ~~[(e) A military service member or a military veteran shall be entitled to credit verified military service, training, or education toward the training, education, work experience, or related requirements (other than certification examinations) for educator certification. TEA staff and educator preparation programs shall use information from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs or other reliable source to assist in crediting applicable military service, training, or education to certification requirements.]~~