Subject line: Updates on Assessment Provisions for Asylees and Refugees

February 26, 2010

TO REGIONAL AND DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATORS AND BILINGUAL/ESL COORDINATORS:

Please DO NOT reply to this e-mail.

The purpose of this e-mail is to notify you of updates to information on asylee/refugee provisions in the 2009-2010 LPAC Decision-Making Process for the Texas Assessment Program and the 2010 District and Campus Coordinator Manual. Personnel may need this information for upcoming test administrations.

**Appendix F of the LPAC Manual**

Page 105
The following deletion was made to the “Eligibility and Documentation” section to clarify which documents serve as acceptable proof of asylee/refugee status.

- The student must:
  - have a visa issued by the United States Department of State with a Form I-94 Arrival/Departure record, or a successor document, issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services that is stamped with “Asylee,” “Refugee,” or “Asylum.”

Updates were also made to indicate where to find additional information about eligibility and documentation requirements.

Pages 107-109
These pages have been added to Appendix F to incorporate new questions and answers (# 9–15). The new questions and answers were sent by e-mail on February 19, 2010, to testing coordinators and bilingual/ESL coordinators. In the February 19 e-mail, question 14 contained incorrect information about acceptable refugee and asylee codes on lawful permanent residence cards (green cards). The correct codes (RE6, RE7, RE8, or RE9 for refugees and AS6, AS7, or AS8 for asylees) are reflected in question 14 on page 108.

**Appendix H of the District and Campus Coordinator Manual**

Pages 388 and 389
The changes made on page 105 of the LPAC manual were made on these pages.

Page 390
Specific references to “Column A” in the Agency Use section were previously omitted in the box at the top of the page and in the “Absences and Irregularities” section. The references have been added.

These pages have been updated and the revised manuals are posted on the Texas Education Agency website at [http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/guides/coormanual/index.html](http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/guides/coormanual/index.html).

Please communicate these updates to relevant testing personnel and place the revised pages in your manuals.

Call the Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536 if you have any questions about this information.