Item 13:
Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Proposed Review of 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

SUMMARY: Texas Government Code, §2001.039, establishes a four-year rule review cycle for all state agency rules, including State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules. This item presents for SBEC approval the proposed review of 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates. The rules being reviewed establish the certificate categories within the certificate classes for classroom teachers.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Statutory authority for the rule review is Texas Government Code, §2001.039. The statutory authority for 19 TAC Chapter 233 is the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (6), 21.044(e) and (f), 21.048(a), 21.050, and 22.0831(f).

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION: The SBEC last adopted the review of 19 TAC Chapter 233 in August 2011, finding that the reasons for initially adopting the rules continue to exist. As a result of the 2011 review, a majority of the rules in 19 TAC Chapter 233 were amended and §§233.12, 233.13, and 233.16 were adopted effective August 12, 2012. Sections 233.1, 233.2, 233.6, 233.7, and 233.13 were last amended effective December 28, 2014. Sections 233.3-233.5 and 233.14 were last amended effective May 17, 2015.

FUTURE ACTION EXPECTED: The review of 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, is scheduled to be presented to the SBEC for adoption at the August 2015 meeting. Any rule changes resulting from the rule review process will be presented to the SBEC for consideration at a future meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: The SBEC rules in 19 TAC Chapter 233 establish the general categories of classroom teaching certificates, specific grade levels and subject areas of classroom certificates, and assignments that may be taught by the holder of each certificate.

The rules currently in effect in 19 TAC Chapter 233 are shown in Attachment II.

ANTICIPATED REVISIONS TO RULES: Texas Education Agency staff will conduct stakeholder meetings in the upcoming months and present any changes to 19 TAC Chapter 233 for discussion and action at a future SBEC meeting.

RULE REVIEW: The SBEC plans to file the notice of proposed review of 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, with the Texas Register following the June 2015 SBEC meeting. The SBEC will accept comments as to whether the reasons for adopting 19 TAC Chapter 233 continue to exist. The public comment period will begin July 3, 2015, with the publication of the notice of proposed review of 19 TAC Chapter 233 in the Texas Register.
The filing of the notice of proposed review soliciting comments as to whether the reasons for adoption continue to exist would not preclude any amendments that may be proposed at the same time or at different times through a separate rulemaking process.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**PUBLIC AND STUDENT BENEFIT:** The review of 19 TAC Chapter 233 will result in the continuation of guidelines for categories of classroom teaching certificates.

**PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:** None.

**LOCALLY MAINTAINED PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The public comment period on the proposed rule review begins July 3, 2015, and ends August 3, 2015. The SBEC will take registered oral and written comments on this item at the August 7, 2015 meeting in accordance with the SBEC board operating policies and procedures.

**ALTERNATIVES:** None.

**OTHER COMMENTS AND RELATED ISSUES:** None.

**ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER’S RECOMMENDATION:** I recommend that the State Board for Educator Certification:

Approve the proposed review of 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, to be published as proposed with the Texas Register.

**Staff Member Responsible:** Marilyn Cook, Director Educator Certification

**Attachments:**

I. Statutory Citations
II. Text of 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates
ATTACHMENT I

Statutory Citations Relating to Review of 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates

Rule Review


(a) A state agency shall review and consider for readoption each of its rules in accordance with this section.

(b) A state agency shall review a rule not later than the fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and every four years after that date. The adoption of an amendment to an existing rule does not affect the dates on which the rule must be reviewed except that the effective date of an amendment is considered to be the effective date of the rule if the agency formally conducts a review of the rule in accordance with this section as part of the process of adopting the amendment.

(c) The state agency shall readopt, readopt with amendments, or repeal a rule as the result of reviewing the rule under this section.

(d) The procedures of this subchapter relating to the original adoption of a rule apply to the review of a rule and to the resulting repeal, readoption, or readoption with amendments of the rule, except as provided by this subsection. Publishing the Texas Administrative Code citation to a rule under review satisfies the requirements of this subchapter relating to publishing the text of the rule unless the agency readopts the rule with amendments as a result of the review.

(e) A state agency’s review of a rule must include an assessment of whether the reasons for initially adopting the rule continue to exist.

19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates

Texas Education Code, §21.003, Certification Required (excerpt):

(a) A person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, administrator, educational diagnostician, or school counselor by a school district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate or permit issued as provided by Subchapter B.

Texas Education Code, §21.031, Purpose:

(a) The State Board for Educator Certification is established to recognize public school educators as professionals and to grant educators the authority to govern the standards of their profession. The board shall regulate and oversee all aspects of the certification, continuing education, and standards of conduct of public school educators.

(b) In proposing rules under this subchapter, the board shall ensure that all candidates for certification or renewal of certification demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the performance of the diverse student population of this state.

Texas Education Code, §21.041, Rules; Fees (excerpt):

(b) The board shall propose rules that:
(1) provide for the regulation of educators and the general administration of this subchapter in a manner consistent with this subchapter;

(2) specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates;

(3) specify the period for which each class of educator certificate is valid;

(4) specify the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate;

(6) provide for special or restricted certification of educators, including certification of instructors of American Sign Language;

Texas Education Code, §21.044, Educator Preparation (excerpts):

(e) [2 Versions: As added by Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., ch. 1091] In proposing rules under this section for a person to obtain a certificate to teach a health science technology education course, the board shall specify that a person must have:

(1) an associate degree or more advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher education;

(2) current licensure, certification, or registration as a health professions practitioner issued by a nationally recognized accrediting agency for health professionals; and

(3) at least two years of wage earning experience utilizing the licensure requirement.

(f) The board may not propose rules for a certificate to teach a health science technology education course that specify that a person must have a bachelor's degree or that establish any other credential or teaching experience requirements that exceed the requirements under Subsection (e).

Texas Education Code, §21.048, Certification Examinations (excerpt):

(a) [2 Versions: As amended by Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., ch. 1282] The board shall propose rules prescribing comprehensive examinations for each class of certificate issued by the board. The board shall determine the satisfactory level of performance required for each certification examination. For the issuance of a generalist certificate, the board shall require a satisfactory level of examination performance in each core subject covered by the examination.

Texas Education Code, §21.050, Academic Degree Required for Teaching Certificate; Internship:

(a) A person who applies for a teaching certificate for which board rules require a bachelor's degree must possess a bachelor's degree received with an academic major or interdisciplinary academic major, including reading, other than education, that is related to the curriculum as prescribed under Subchapter A, Chapter 28.

(b) The board may not require more than 18 semester credit hours of education courses at the baccalaureate level for the granting of a teaching certificate. The board shall provide for a minimum number of semester credit hours of internship to be included in the hours needed for certification. The board may propose rules requiring additional credit hours for certification in bilingual education, English as a second language, early childhood education, or special education.
(c) A person who receives a bachelor's degree required for a teaching certificate on the basis of higher education coursework completed while receiving an exemption from tuition and fees under Section 54.363 may not be required to participate in any field experience or internship consisting of student teaching to receive a teaching certificate.

Texas Education Code, §22.0831, National Criminal History Record Information Review of Certified Educators (excerpt):

(f) The board may propose rules to implement this section, including rules establishing:

(1) deadlines for a person to submit fingerprints and photographs in compliance with this section; and

(2) sanctions for a person's failure to comply with the requirements of this section, including suspension or revocation of a certificate or refusal to issue a certificate.
ATTACHMENT II
Text of 19 TAC

Chapter 233. Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this Chapter 233 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (6), 21.048(a), 21.050, and 22.0831(f), unless otherwise noted.

§233.1. General Authority.

(a) In this chapter, the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) establishes separate certificate categories within the certificate class for the classroom teacher established under §230.33 of this title (relating to Classes of Certificates).

(b) For purposes of authorizing a person to be employed by a school district under the Texas Education Code, §21.003(a), a certificate category identifies:

(1) the content area or the special student population the holder may teach;

(2) the grade levels the holder may teach; and

(3) the earliest date the certificate may be issued.

(c) Unless provided otherwise in this title, the content area and grade level of a certificate category as well as the standards underlying the certification examination for each category are aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills curriculum adopted by the State Board of Education.

(d) A category includes both a standard certificate and the related emergency or temporary credential. A category may comprise a standard base certificate or a supplemental certificate. A supplemental certificate may be issued only to a person who already holds the appropriate standard base certificate.

(e) A person must satisfy all applicable requirements and conditions under this title and other law to be issued a certificate in a category. A person seeking an initial standard certification must pass the appropriate grade level of pedagogy and professional responsibility certification examination and the appropriate content subject examination(s) for the certification sought as established by the SBEC. A person completing requirements for a standard certificate using a score on an examination that has been eliminated must apply and pay for the certification not later than one year from the last test administration of the deleted examination. Exceptions may be granted for a period of two years after the elimination of the examination for catastrophic illness of the educator or an immediate family member or military service of the applicant.

(f) A person seeking a languages other than English certificate valid for Early Childhood-Grade 12 specified in §233.15 of this title (relating to Languages Other Than English) must successfully complete an approved oral or communication proficiency examination in the target language in addition to the appropriate grade level of pedagogy and professional responsibility and content subject examinations as specified in subsection (e) of this section.

(g) A holder of a certificate valid for Grades 4-8 may teach technology applications in Grades 4-8 if integrated within an academic course or through interdisciplinary methodology in those subjects that the individual is certified to teach. The school district is responsible for ensuring that the educator has the appropriate technology applications knowledge and skills to teach the course(s) to which he or she is assigned. If Technology Applications is taught as a separate course, the educator shall be required to hold an appropriate technology applications certificate as specified in §233.5 of this title (relating to Technology Applications and Computer Science).

(h) The general assignment descriptions in this chapter are subject to the specific provisions for the assignment of a holder of a certificate in Chapter 231 of this title (relating to Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments), and in the event of any conflict with this chapter, Chapter 231 of this title shall prevail.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.1 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (6), 21.048(a), 21.050, and 22.0831(f), unless otherwise noted.
§233.2. Core Subjects; Generalist.

(a) Core Subjects: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Core Subjects: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2015. The holder of the Core Subjects: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may teach the following content areas in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-6:

1. Art;
2. Health;
3. Music;
4. Physical Education;
5. English Language Arts and Reading;
6. Mathematics;
7. Science;
8. Social Studies;
9. Technology Applications; and
10. Theater.

(b) Core Subjects: Grades 4-8. The Core Subjects: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2015. The holder of the Core Subjects: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach the following content areas in Grades 4-8:

1. English Language Arts and Reading;
2. Mathematics;
3. Science; and
4. Social Studies.

(c) Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2008. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate by August 31, 2017. All applications must be complete and received by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) by October 30, 2017. The holder of the Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may teach the following content areas in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-6:

1. Art;
2. Health;
3. Music;
4. Physical Education;
5. English Language Arts and Reading;
6. Mathematics;
7. Science;
8. Social Studies;
9. Technology Applications; and
(10) Theater.

(d) Generalist: Grades 4-8. The Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate by August 31, 2017. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2017. The holder of the Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach the following content areas in Grades 4-8:

(1) English Language Arts and Reading;

(2) Mathematics;

(3) Science; and

(4) Social Studies.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.2 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (6), 21.048(a), 21.050, and 22.0831(f), unless otherwise noted.

Source: The provisions of this §233.2 adopted to be effective June 9, 2002, 27 TexReg 4699; amended to be effective February 6, 2003, 28 TexReg 935; amended to be effective July 31, 2006, 31 TexReg 5963; amended to be effective October 17, 2007, 32 TexReg 7262; amended to be effective June 22, 2008, 33 TexReg 4670; amended to be effective June 21, 2009, 34 TexReg 3943; amended to be effective October 28, 2010, 35 TexReg 9504; amended to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5766; amended to be effective December 28, 2014, 39 TexReg 10008.

§233.3. English Language Arts and Reading; Social Studies.

(a) English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8. The English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach English language arts and reading in Grades 4-8.

(b) Social Studies: Grades 4-8. The Social Studies: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Social Studies: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach social studies in Grades 4-8.

(c) English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies: Grades 4-8. The English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach English language arts and reading, and social studies in Grades 4-8.

(d) English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 8-12. The English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach English language arts and reading in Grade 8 and all English language arts and reading courses in Grades 9-12, excluding journalism and speech courses. A candidate must meet the requirements for an English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2015. All applications must be complete and received by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) by October 30, 2015.

(e) English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 7-12. The English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013. The holder of the English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 7-12 certificate may teach English language arts and reading in Grades 7 and 8 and all English language arts and reading courses in Grades 9-12, excluding journalism and speech courses.

(f) Social Studies: Grades 8-12. The Social Studies: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Social Studies: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach social studies in Grade 8 and all social studies and economics courses in Grades 9-12. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Social Studies: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2015. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2015.

(g) Social Studies: Grades 7-12. The Social Studies: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013. The holder of the Social Studies: Grades 7-12 certificate may teach social studies in Grades 7 and 8 and all social studies and economics courses in Grades 9-12.
(h) History: Grades 8-12. The History: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the History: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach social studies in Grade 8 and all history courses in Grades 9-12. A candidate must meet the requirements for a History: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2015. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2015.

(i) History: Grades 7-12. The History: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013. The holder of the History: Grades 7-12 certificate may teach social studies in Grades 7 and 8 and all history courses in Grades 9-12.

(j) Journalism: Grades 8-12. The Journalism: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Journalism: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach all journalism courses in Grades 8-12. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Journalism: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2016. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2016.

(k) Journalism: Grades 7-12. The Journalism: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013. The holder of the Journalism: Grades 7-12 certificate is eligible to teach all journalism courses in Grades 7-12.

(l) Speech: Grades 7-12. The Speech: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010. The holder of the Speech: Grades 7-12 certificate is eligible to teach all speech courses in Grades 7-12.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.3 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (6), 21.044(e) and (f), 21.048(a), 21.050, and 22.0831(f).

Source: The provisions of this §233.3 adopted to be effective June 9, 2002, 27 TexReg 4699; amended to be effective February 6, 2003, 28 TexReg 935; amended to be effective June 4, 2006, 31 TexReg 4425; amended to be effective June 22, 2008, 33 TexReg 4670; amended to be effective October 28, 2010, 35 TexReg 9504; amended to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5766; amended to be effective May 17, 2015, 40 TexReg 2532.

§233.4. Mathematics; Science.

(a) Mathematics: Grades 4-8. The Mathematics: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Mathematics: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach mathematics in Grades 4-8, including Algebra I for high school credit.

(b) Science: Grades 4-8. The Science: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Science: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach science in Grades 4-8.

(c) Mathematics/Science: Grades 4-8. The Mathematics/Science: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Mathematics/Science: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach mathematics and science in Grades 4-8.

(d) Mathematics: Grades 8-12. The Mathematics: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Mathematics: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach mathematics in Grade 8 and all mathematics courses in Grades 9-12. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Mathematics: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2015. All applications must be complete and received by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) by October 30, 2015.

(e) Mathematics: Grades 7-12. The Mathematics: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013. The holder of the Mathematics: Grades 7-12 certificate may teach mathematics in Grades 7 and 8 and all mathematics courses in Grades 9-12.

(f) Science: Grades 8-12. The Science: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Science: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach science in Grade 8 and all science courses in Grades 9-12. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Science: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2015. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2015.

(g) Science: Grades 7-12. The Science: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013. The holder of the Science: Grades 7-12 certificate may teach science in Grades 7 and 8 and all science courses in Grades 9-12.
(h) Life Science: Grades 8-12. The Life Science: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Life Science: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach science in Grade 8 and all biology, environmental systems, environmental science, and aquatic science courses in Grades 9-12. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Life Science: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2015. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2015.

(i) Life Science: Grades 7-12. The Life Science: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013. The holder of the Life Science: Grades 7-12 certificate may teach science in Grades 7 and 8 and all biology, environmental systems, environmental science, and aquatic science courses in Grades 9-12.

(j) Physical Science: Grades 8-12. The Physical Science: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Physical Science: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach science in Grade 8 and all physics and chemistry courses, including Integrated Physics and Chemistry, in Grades 9-12. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Physical Science: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2015. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2015.

(k) Physical Science: Grades 6-12. The Physical Science: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013. The holder of the Physical Science: Grades 6-12 certificate is eligible to teach science in Grades 6-8 and all physics and chemistry courses, including Integrated Physics and Chemistry, in Grades 9-12.

(l) Physics/Mathematics: Grades 8-12. The Physics/Mathematics: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Physics/Mathematics: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach mathematics in Grade 8 and all mathematics courses in Grades 9-12. The holder may also teach science in Grade 8 and all physics courses in Grades 9-12. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Physics/Mathematics: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2016. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2016.

(m) Physics/Mathematics: Grades 7-12. The Physics/Mathematics: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. The holder of the Physics/Mathematics: Grades 7-12 certificate is eligible to teach mathematics in Grades 7 and 8 and all mathematics courses in Grades 9-12. The holder may also teach science in Grades 7 and 8 and all physics courses in Grades 9-12.

(n) Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 8-12. The Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach mathematics in Grade 8 and all mathematics courses in Grades 9-12. The holder is also eligible to teach science in Grade 8 and all physics and chemistry courses, including Integrated Physics and Chemistry, in Grades 9-12. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2016. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2016.

(o) Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 6-12. The Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. The holder of the Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 6-12 certificate is eligible to teach mathematics in Grades 6-8 and all mathematics courses in Grades 9-12. The holder is also eligible to teach science in Grades 6-8 and all physics and chemistry courses, including Integrated Physics and Chemistry, in Grades 9-12.

(p) Chemistry: Grades 8-12. The Chemistry: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Chemistry: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach science in Grade 8 and all chemistry courses in Grades 9-12. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Chemistry: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2015. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2015.

(q) Chemistry: Grades 7-12. The Chemistry: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013. The holder of the Chemistry: Grades 7-12 certificate is eligible to teach science in Grades 7 and 8 and all chemistry courses in Grades 9-12.
Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.4 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (6), 21.044(e) and (f), 21.048(a), 21.050, and 22.0831(f).

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§233.5. Technology Applications and Computer Science.

(a) Technology Applications: Grades 8-12. The Technology Applications: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than June 1, 2001. The holder of the Technology Applications: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach Technology Applications in Grade 8 and the following technology applications courses in Grades 9-12: desktop publishing, digital graphics/animation, multimedia, video technology, web mastering, and independent study in technology applications. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Technology Applications: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2018. All applications must be complete and received by the Texas Education Agency by October 30, 2018.

(b) Technology Applications: Grades 7-12. The Technology Applications: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. The holder of the Technology Applications: Grades 7-12 certificate may teach Technology Applications in Grades 7 and 8 and the following technology applications courses in Grades 9-12: desktop publishing, digital graphics/animation, multimedia, video technology, web mastering, and independent study in technology applications.

(c) Technology Applications: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Technology Applications: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Technology Applications: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may teach the technology applications curriculum in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and Grades 1-12, with the exception of Computer Science I and II.

(d) Computer Science: Grades 8-12. The Computer Science: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than June 1, 2001. The holder of the Computer Science: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach Computer Science I and II in Grades 8-12.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.5 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (6), 21.044(e) and (f), 21.048(a), 21.050, and 22.0831(f).

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§233.6. Bilingual Education.

(a) Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2008. The holder of the Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may teach in a bilingual prekindergarten program, a bilingual kindergarten program, and a bilingual program in Grades 1-6. The holder of the Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may teach the same content areas, in either a bilingual or general education program, as the holder of the Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may teach under §233.2(a) of this title (relating to Generalist). The holder of the Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may also teach in an English as a second language program in Early Childhood-Grade 6. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate by August 31, 2017. All applications must be complete and received by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) by October 30, 2017.

(b) Bilingual Generalist: Grades 4-8. The Bilingual Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Bilingual Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach in a bilingual program in Grades 4-8. The holder of the Bilingual Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach the same content areas, in either a bilingual or a general education program, as the holder of the Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach under §233.2(b) of this title. The holder of the Bilingual Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate may also teach in an English as a second language program in Grades 4-8. A
candidate must meet the requirements for a Bilingual Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate by August 31, 2017. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2017.

(c) Bilingual Education Supplemental. The Bilingual Education Supplemental certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2009. The holder of the Bilingual Education Supplemental certificate may teach in a bilingual program at the same grade levels and in the content area(s) of the holder's base certificate. The holder of the Bilingual Education Supplemental certificate may also teach in an English as a second language program at the same grade levels and in the content area(s) of the holder's base certificate.

(d) The State Board for Educator Certification shall determine the target languages for bilingual education certificates based on the student population in the Texas public schools.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.6 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (6), 21.048(a), 21.050, and 22.0831(f), unless otherwise noted.

Source: The provisions of this §233.6 adopted to be effective June 9, 2002, 27 TexReg 4699; amended to be effective February 6, 2003, 28 TexReg 935; amended to be effective June 22, 2008, 33 TexReg 4670; amended to be effective June 21, 2009, 34 TexReg 3943; amended to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5766; amended to be effective December 28, 2014, 39 TexReg 10008.

§233.7. English as a Second Language.

(a) English as a Second Language Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The English as a Second Language Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2008. The holder of the English as a Second Language Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may teach in an English as a second language program in prekindergarten-Grade 6. The holder of the English as a Second Language Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may teach the same content areas, in either an English as a second language or a general education program, as the holder of the Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may teach under §233.2(a) of this title (relating to Generalist). A candidate must meet the requirements for an English as Second Language Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate by August 31, 2017. All applications must be complete and received by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) by October 30, 2017.

(b) English as a Second Language Generalist: Grades 4-8. The English as a Second Language Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2003. The holder of the English as a Second Language Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach in an English as a second language program in Grades 4-8. The holder of the English as a Second Language Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach the same content areas, in either an English as a second language or a general education program, as the holder of the Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach under §233.2(b) of this title. A candidate must meet the requirements for an English as a Second Language Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate by August 31, 2017. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2017.

(c) English as a Second Language Supplemental. The English as a Second Language Supplemental certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2003. The holder of the English as a Second Language Supplemental certificate may teach in an English as a second language program at the same grade levels and in the same content area(s) of the holder's base certificate.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.7 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (6), 21.048(a), 21.050, and 22.0831(f), unless otherwise noted.

Source: The provisions of this §233.7 adopted to be effective February 6, 2003, 28 TexReg 935; amended to be effective June 22, 2008, 33 TexReg 4670; amended to be effective June 21, 2009, 34 TexReg 3943; amended to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5766; amended to be effective December 28, 2014, 39 TexReg 10008.

§233.8. Special Education.

(a) Special Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Special Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2003. The holder of the Special Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may teach at any level of a basic special education instructional program
serving eligible students 3-21 years of age, unless otherwise specified in §89.1131 of this title (relating to Qualifications of Special Education, Related Service, and Paraprofessional Personnel).

(b) Special Education Supplemental. The Special Education Supplemental certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2003. The holder of the Special Education Supplemental certificate may teach in a special education instructional program serving eligible students at the same grade levels and in the content area(s) of the holder's base certificate, unless otherwise specified in §89.1131 of this title.

c) Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach at any level in a special education instructional program serving eligible students, unless otherwise specified in §89.1131 of this title.

d) Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments Supplemental: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments Supplemental: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments Supplemental: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach at any level in a special education instructional program serving eligible students, unless otherwise specified in §89.1131 of this title.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.8 issued under the Texas Education Code, §21.031(a) and §21.041(b)(1), (2), (3), and (4).

Source: The provisions of this §233.8 adopted to be effective February 6, 2003, 28 TexReg 935; amended to be effective June 4, 2006, 31 TexReg 4425; amended to be effective June 22, 2008, 33 TexReg 4670.

§233.9. Gifted and Talented.

Gifted and Talented Supplemental. The Gifted and Talented Supplemental certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Gifted and Talented Supplemental certificate may teach students in a gifted and talented program at the same grade levels and in the same content area(s) of the holder's base certificate.

Source: The provisions of this §233.9 adopted to be effective June 28, 2004, 29 TexReg 6088; amended to be effective June 22, 2008, 33 TexReg 4670.

§233.10. Fine Arts.

(a) Music: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Music: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Music: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach music in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

(b) Art: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Art: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Art: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach art in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

(c) Theatre: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Theatre: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Theatre: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach theatre in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

(d) Dance: Grades 8-12. The Dance: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Dance: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach all dance courses in Grades 8-12.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.10 issued under the Texas Education Code, §21.031(a) and §21.041(b)(1), (2), (3), and (4).

Source: The provisions of this §233.10 adopted to be effective June 28, 2004, 29 TexReg 6088; amended to be effective June 4, 2006, 31 TexReg 4425.
§233.11. Health.

Health: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Health: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Health: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may teach health in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

Source: The provisions of this §233.11 adopted to be effective June 28, 2004, 29 TexReg 6088; amended to be effective June 22, 2008, 33 TexReg 4670.

§233.12. Physical Education.

Physical Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Physical Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Physical Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may teach physical education in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

Source: The provisions of this §233.12 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5766.

§233.13. Career and Technical Education (Certificates not requiring experience and preparation in a skill area).

(a) Technology Education: Grades 6-12. The Technology Education: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Technology Education: Grades 6-12 certificate may teach all technology education courses in Grades 6-12.

(b) Family and Consumer Sciences, Composite: Grades 6-12. The Family and Consumer Sciences, Composite: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Family and Consumer Sciences, Composite: Grades 6-12 certificate may teach all family and consumer sciences courses in Grades 6-12.

(c) Human Development and Family Studies: Grades 8-12. The Human Development and Family Studies: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Human Development and Family Studies: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach the specific courses in Grades 8-12 listed in Chapter 231 of this title (relating to Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments).

(d) Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Sciences: Grades 8-12. The Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Sciences: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Sciences: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach the specific courses in Grades 8-12 listed in Chapter 231 of this title.

(e) Agricultural Science and Technology: Grades 6-12. The Agricultural Science and Technology: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Agricultural Science and Technology: Grades 6-12 certificate is eligible to teach all agricultural science and technology courses in Grades 6-12. A candidate must meet the requirements for an Agricultural Science and Technology: Grades 6-12 certificate by August 31, 2017. All applications must be complete and received by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) by October 30, 2017.

(f) Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources: Grades 6-12. The Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. The holder of the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources: Grades 6-12 certificate is eligible to teach all agricultural science and technology courses in Grades 6-12.

(g) Business Education: Grades 6-12. The Business Education: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 8, 2006. The holder of the Business Education: Grades 6-12 certificate may teach all business education courses in Grades 6-12, excluding economics courses. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Business Education: Grades 6-12 certificate by August 31, 2017. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2017.

(h) Business and Finance: Grades 6-12. The Business and Finance: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. The holder of the Business and Finance: Grades 6-12 certificate may teach all business and finance courses in Grades 6-12.
(i) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics: Grades 6-12. The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. The holder of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics: Grades 6-12 certificate may teach all science, technology, engineering, and mathematics cluster courses in Grades 6-12.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.13 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (6), 21.048(a), 21.050, and 22.0831(f), unless otherwise noted.

Source: The provisions of this §233.13 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5766; amended to be effective December 28, 2014, 39 TexReg 10008.


(a) All individuals seeking a career and technical education certificate specified in this section must have the required number of years of qualified work experience and preparation in a skill area approved in accordance with the provisions of subsection (h) of this section prior to issuance of the certificate and assignment in a Texas school.

(b) Marketing Education: Grades 8-12. The Marketing Education: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Marketing Education: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2017. All applications must be complete and received by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) by October 30, 2017. The holder of the Marketing Education: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach all marketing education courses in Grades 8-12. A candidate for the Marketing Education: Grades 8-12 certificate must:

1. hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB); and

2. have two years of full-time wage-earning experience in a marketing occupation as specified in subsection (h) of this section.

(c) Marketing: Grades 6-12. The Marketing: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. The holder of the Marketing: Grades 6-12 certificate is eligible to teach all marketing courses in Grades 6-12. A candidate for the Marketing: Grades 6-12 certificate must:

1. hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB; and

2. have two years of full-time wage-earning experience in a marketing occupation as specified in subsection (h) of this section.

(d) Health Science Technology Education: Grades 8-12. A standard Health Science Technology Education: Grades 8-12 certificate shall be based on experience and academic preparation in the skill area. A candidate must meet the requirements for a standard Health Science Technology Education: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2017. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2017. The standard Health Science Technology Education: Grades 8-12 certificate shall require the following:

1. an associate or more advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB;

2. current licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency as a health professions practitioner; and

3. approval, by the certification officer of an approved educator preparation program (EPP), of two years of wage-earning experience using the licensure requirement described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.
(2) The standard Health Science Technology Education: Grades 8-12 certificate curricula shall be based on the standards approved by the State Board for Educator Certification. A candidate for this certificate must pass the appropriate certification examinations.

(e) Health Science: Grades 6-12 certificate. The standard Health Science: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. A standard Health Science: Grades 6-12 certificate shall be based on experience and academic preparation in the skill area.

(1) The standard Health Science: Grades 6-12 certificate shall require the following:

(A) an associate or more advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB;

(B) current licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency as a health professions practitioner; and

(C) approval, by the certification officer of an approved EPP, of two years of full-time wage-earning experience using the licensure requirement described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(2) The standard Health Science: Grades 6-12 certificate curricula shall be based on the standards approved by the State Board for Educator Certification. A candidate for this certificate must pass the appropriate certification examinations.

(f) Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate. A standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate shall be based on academic preparation and experience in the skill areas to be taught and completion of specified pedagogy and professional responsibilities training. A candidate must meet the requirements for a standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2016. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2016.

(1) The standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate shall require the following academic preparation and wage-earning experience.

(A) Option I. An individual must:

(i) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB; and

(ii) have three years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past eight years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate. Up to 18 months of the wage-earning experience can be met through a formal documented internship.

(B) Option II. An individual must:

(i) hold an associate degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB; and

(ii) have three years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past eight years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate.

(C) Option III. An individual must:

(i) hold a high school diploma or the equivalent; and

(ii) have five years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past eight years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The
experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate.

(2) The standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate shall require current licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency based on a recognized test or measurement. If the licensure, certification, or registration is not based on a recognized test or measurement, then passing the appropriate National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) assessment is required. A cosmetology teacher must hold a current cosmetology instructor license issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

(3) An individual must complete one year of creditable classroom teaching experience, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title (relating to Commissioner's Rules on Creditable Years of Service), on an emergency permit or probationary certificate in the specific area of trade and industrial education.

(4) The holder of a standard or provisional Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate or Vocational Trades and Industry certificate may be approved for additional trade and industrial education assignments provided he or she meets the required number of years of wage-earning experience as indicated in this subsection. Work experience must be approved according to the provisions of this subsection. The EPP must submit a statement of qualifications to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) within 60 calendar days of approval.

(g) Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate. The certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. A standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate shall be based on academic preparation and experience in the skill areas to be taught and completion of specified pedagogy and professional responsibilities training.

(1) The standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate shall require the following academic preparation and wage-earning experience.

(A) Option I. An individual must:

(i) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB; and

(ii) have three years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past eight years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate. Up to 18 months of the wage-earning experience can be met through a formal documented internship.

(B) Option II. An individual must:

(i) hold an associate degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB; and

(ii) have three years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past eight years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate.

(C) Option III. An individual must:

(i) hold a high school diploma or the equivalent; and

(ii) have five years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past eight years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate.
(2) The standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate shall require current licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency based on a recognized test or measurement. If the licensure, certification, or registration is not based on a recognized test or measurement, then passing the appropriate NOCTI assessment is required. A cosmetology teacher must hold a current cosmetology instructor license issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

(3) An individual must complete one year of creditable classroom teaching experience, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title, on an emergency permit or probationary certificate in the specific area of trade and industrial education.

(4) The holder of a standard or provisional Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate or Vocational Trades and Industry certificate may be approved for additional trade and industrial education assignments provided he or she meets the required number of years of wage-earning experience as indicated in this subsection. Work experience must be approved according to the provisions of this subsection. The EPP must submit a statement of qualifications to the TEA within 60 calendar days of approval.

(h) Career and technical education certificates. Approval of career and technical education certificates in this section shall be based on prior experience and preparation in a skill area.

(1) Prospective career and technical education teachers shall submit a statement of qualifications detailing prior experience and skill area preparation to the EPP approved to prepare teachers for the career and technical education certificate sought. The certification officer of the EPP shall review the applicant’s statement of qualifications to determine whether the applicant meets the appropriate approval criteria specified in this subsection. In the case of an educator who otherwise qualifies for certification by examination in Marketing Education: Grades 8-12 and Marketing: Grades 6-12, the review and approval of required work experience may be performed by a certified school administrator.

(2) Under this subsection, 12 months of wage-earning experience consisting of at least 40 hours per week shall equal one year of full-time experience. Wage-earning experience consisting of less than 40 hours, but at least 20 hours per week, shall be calculated at a 50% rate in determining years of full-time experience. Wage-earning experience consisting of less than 20 hours per week shall not be considered acceptable in determining full-time experience.

(3) Postsecondary and proprietary school teaching experience in the specific occupational area for which the candidate is seeking certification may be counted on a year-for-year basis in lieu of on-the-job experience. Proprietary schools must be accredited or otherwise approved by the Texas Workforce Commission. Recency of experience requirements must be met, as well as current licensure, certification, or registration by a state or nationally recognized accrediting agency.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.14 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (6), 21.044(e) and (f), 21.048(a), 21.050, and 22.0831(f).

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§233.15. Languages Other Than English.

(a) American Sign Language: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The American Sign Language: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the American Sign Language: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach American Sign Language in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

(b) Arabic: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Arabic: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than October 15, 2007. The holder of the Arabic: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Arabic in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
(c) Chinese: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Chinese: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than October 15, 2007. The holder of the Chinese: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Chinese in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

(d) French: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The French: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2009. The holder of the French: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach French in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

(e) German: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The German: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2009. The holder of the German: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach German in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

(f) Hindi: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Hindi: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010. The holder of the Hindi: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Hindi in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

(g) Italian: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Italian: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010. The holder of the Italian: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Italian in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.


(i) Latin: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Latin: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2010. The holder of the Latin: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Latin in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

(j) Russian: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Russian: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than October 15, 2007. The holder of the Russian: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Russian in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.


(l) Spanish: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Spanish: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2009. The holder of the Spanish: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Spanish in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

(m) Turkish: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Turkish: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010. The holder of the Turkish: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Turkish in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

(n) Urdu: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Urdu: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010. The holder of the Urdu: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Urdu in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

(o) Vietnamese: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Vietnamese: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than October 15, 2007. The holder of the Vietnamese: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Vietnamese in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

Source: The provisions of this §233.15 adopted to be effective June 4, 2006, 31 TexReg 4425; amended to be effective October 15, 2007, 32 TexReg 7264; amended to be effective October 25, 2009, 34 TexReg 7199; amended to be effective October 28, 2010, 35 TexReg 9504; amended to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5766.


The driver education endorsement will be issued upon evidence of completion of requirements specified in §75.1002 of this title (relating to Driver Education Teachers). The driver education endorsement requires the following:

(1) completion of an approved driver education endorsement educator preparation program offered under this title;
(2) a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

(3) a valid standard, provisional, or professional Texas classroom teaching certificate.

Source: The provisions of this §233.16 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5766.