

## English Language Proficiency Information

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### English Language Proficiency Requirements

An applicant for a Texas educator certificate must be able to speak and understand the English language sufficiently to use it easily and readily in conversation and teaching. English language proficiency may be evidenced by one of the following:

- Completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree at an institution of higher education in the United States.
- Completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree at an institution of higher education outside the United States, including territories of the United States, where the primary language of instruction for the entire university was English.
- Verification of satisfactory score on the [Test of English as a Foreign Language - Internet Based Test \(TOEFL-iBT\)](#). You must take all four portions (Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing) for your score to be calculated. Only a passing score on the Speaking portion is required at this time. The acceptable passing score on the Speaking portion is 26. To have scores submitted directly to TEA use the **agency code 8225**.