

Text of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC

Subchapter D. Types and Classes of Certificates Issued

§230.36. Intern Certificates.

- (a)-(d) (No change.)
- (e) Intern certificate in a certification class other than classroom teacher. An intern certificate may be issued for assignment as a superintendent, principal, reading specialist, master teacher, school librarian, school counselor, and educational diagnostician to an individual who meets the applicable requirements prescribed in subsection (b) of this section and who also meets the requirements prescribed in this subsection.
- (1) An applicant for an intern certificate in a certification class other than classroom teacher must meet all requirements established by the recommending EPP, which shall be based on the qualifications and requirements for the class of certification sought and the duties to be performed by the holder of an intern certificate in that class.
- (2) The individual must have also been:
- (A) accepted and enrolled to participate in a Texas EPP that has been approved to prepare candidates for the certificate sought; and
- (B) assigned in the certificate area being sought in a Texas school district, open-enrollment charter school, or, pursuant to §228.35 of this title (relating to Preparation Program Coursework and/or Training), other school approved by the TEA.
- (3) The holder of an intern certificate in a certification class other than classroom teacher is subject to all terms and conditions of an intern certificate prescribed in subsection (c) of this section.
- (4) The following provisions apply to the intern certificate for Principal as Instructional Leader.
- (A) During the transition period of December 1, 2018 through September 1, 2019, the SBEC may issue an intern certificate to a candidate who meets the requirements specified in paragraphs (1)-(3) of this subsection.
- (B) Effective September 1, 2019, the SBEC may issue an intern certificate to a candidate who meets requirements specified in paragraphs (1)-(3) of this subsection and has passed the Principal as Instructional Leader examination specified in Subchapter C of this chapter (relating to Assessment of Educators).

§230.41. Visiting International Teacher Certificates.

- (a) For purposes of this subsection, Visiting International Teacher Program is defined as a J-1 Visa Exchange Visitor Program officially approved by the United States Department of State.
- ~~[(a) A teacher may be issued a visiting international teacher certificate valid for no more than three school years upon recommendation by a school district participating in an officially recognized foreign teacher exchange program.]~~
- (b) The State Board for Educator Certification will issue a visiting international teacher certificate ~~[will be issued]~~ to an individual who meets the conditions and requirements specified ~~[presented]~~ in this subsection. The individual must:
- (1) meet appropriate requirements prescribed in §230.11(b)(1)-(4) ~~[§230.11]~~ of this title (relating to General Requirements);
- (2) be recommended for certification by a school district participating in a Visiting International Teacher Program;
- (3) ~~[(2)]~~ hold valid teaching credentials from the country of origin based, at a minimum, on the equivalent of a bachelor's degree issued by an institution of higher education in the United States accredited

or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or by the U.S. Department of Education;

- (4) ~~(3)~~ demonstrate English language proficiency and subject matter competence in subject area(s) taught, as verified by the Visiting International Teacher Program sponsor and the employing school district;
 - (5) ~~(4)~~ have criminal activity clearance from country of origin;
 - ~~(5) demonstrate subject matter competence in subject area(s) taught, as defined by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in compliance with federal requirements;~~
 - (6) pay appropriate fee prescribed by §230.101 of this title (relating to Schedule of Fees for Certification Services); and
 - (7) submit fingerprints in accordance with §232.35(c) of this title (relating to Submission of Required Information) and the Texas Education Code, §22.0831.
- (c) School districts ~~Participating school districts~~ that recommend educators for visiting international teacher certificates agree to provide the visiting international teachers with intensive supervision consisting of structured guidance and regular ongoing support through a mentoring program.
 - (d) The Texas Education Agency (TEA) ~~TEA~~ staff shall establish reasonable procedures to implement this section.
 - ~~(e) The visiting international teacher certificate is valid for three years and may be extended two additional years, for a maximum total of five years, for all candidates actively enrolled in and in good standing with a Visiting International Teacher Program as verified by the employing school district.~~
 - ~~(f) (e)~~ Issuance of a visiting international teacher certificate does not prohibit issuance of a one-year certificate following a successful review of credentials, as specified in Chapter 245 of this title (relating to Certification of Educators from Other Countries).