

The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) adopts the review of 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans, pursuant to Texas Government Code (TGC), §2001.039. The SBEC proposed the review of 19 TAC Chapter 234 in the May 31, 2024 issue of the *Texas Register* (49 TexReg 3938).

Relating to the review of 19 TAC Chapter 234, the SBEC finds that the reasons for the adoption continue to exist and readopts the rules. The following is a summary of the comments received on the proposal.

Comment: A teacher in Texas commented their support of the rule review of 19 TAC Chapter 234 but asked that the pathway that provides a one-year certificate to individuals who have taught at the Community College of the Airforce be extended to all who have taught at one of the 50 community colleges in Texas.

Board Response: The issue raised is outside the scope of the rule review and will be taken into consideration during future rulemaking.

Comment: A Texas teacher, who also identified as a military spouse, requested that Texas accept teaching credentials and test scores with reciprocity from other states for all military spouses.

Board Response: The SBEC agrees. Texas recognizes the standard certificates and corresponding examinations of military spouses issued licensure to teach by state departments of education outside of Texas. Military spouses can be exempted from most required certification examinations, except for the Science of Teaching Reading, which is mandated by state law. After completion of a successful out-of-state credentials review, military spouses can be issued a three-year temporary certificate or the five-year standard certificate to teach in Texas.

This concludes the review of 19 TAC Chapter 234.