

Chapter 230. Professional Educator Preparation and Certification

Subchapter B. General Certification Requirements

§230.11. General Requirements.

- (a) The only credits and degrees acceptable for certification of educators are those earned from and conferred by accredited institutions of higher education. All credit hour requirements for certification are semester credit hours or their equivalent.
- (b) An applicant for a Texas educator certificate must:
 - (1) be at least 18 years of age;
 - (2) submit to the criminal history review required by the Texas Education Code (TEC) §22.0831, not be disqualified by the TEC, §21.058, §21.060, or other Texas statute, and not be subject to administrative denial pursuant to §249.12 of this title (relating to Administrative Denial; Appeal) or a pending proceeding under Chapter 249 of this title (relating to Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases);
 - (3) not be disqualified by federal law;
 - (4) be willing to support and defend the constitutions of the United States and Texas;
 - (5) be able to communicate, listen, read, write, and comprehend the English language sufficiently to use it easily and readily in daily communication and teaching. English language proficiency shall be evidenced by one of the following:
 - (A) completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree at an accredited institution of higher education in the United States or one of its territories; or
 - (B) verification of a minimum scaled score that falls within the High-Intermediate level in each section on the Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based Test (TOEFL-iBT); or
 - (C) an undergraduate or graduate degree that was earned at an institution of higher education in a country outside of the United States listed in the figure provided in this subparagraph; or
[Figure: 19 TAC §230.11\(b\)\(5\)\(C\)](#)
 - (D) a standard certificate issued by the department of education in another state where examinations for the certificate were taken and passed;
 - (6) successfully complete appropriate examinations prescribed in §230.21 of this title (relating to Educator Assessment) for the educator certificate sought; and
 - (7) satisfy one or more of the following requirements:
 - (A) complete the requirements for certification specified in this chapter, Chapter 233 of this title (relating to Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates), Chapter 239 of this title (relating to Student Services Certificates), Chapter 241 of this title (relating to Certification as Principal), or Chapter 242 of this title (relating to Superintendent Certificate), and be recommended for certification by an approved educator preparation program (EPP);
 - (B) qualify under Subchapter H of this chapter (relating to Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States);
 - (C) qualify under §230.105 of this title (relating to Issuance of Additional Certificates Based on Examination);

- (D) qualify for a career and technical education certificate based on skill and experience specified in §233.14 of this title (relating to Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area)); or
 - (E) qualify under Chapter 245 of this title (relating to Certification of Educators from Other Countries).
- (c) An educator who has received a State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC)-issued standard certificate shall not be required to demonstrate English language proficiency as prescribed in subsection (b)(5)(B) and (C) of this section for purposes of admission into an EPP to obtain additional SBEC-issued certifications.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.11 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, and 21.041(b)(1), (4), and (5).

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§230.13. Standard Certificate Requirements.

- (a) Initial standard classroom teacher certificates that are not based on experience and preparation in a skill area shall require:
- (1) a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education;
 - (2) completion of and recommendation by an approved educator preparation program (EPP) by the application and issuance deadlines for the certificate; and
 - (3) submission of passing scores on comprehensive examinations prescribed by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) as specified in §230.21 of this title (relating to Educator Assessment).
- (b) Standard career and technical education certificates based on experience and preparation in a skill area shall require:
- (1) a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. In the case of the trade and industrial education certificates, experience may be substituted for a bachelor's degree;
 - (2) preparation, experience, and/or licensure, certification, or registration in a skill area as described in §233.14 of this title (relating to Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area));
 - (3) completion of and recommendation by an approved EPP by the application and issuance deadlines for the certificate; and
 - (4) submission of passing scores on comprehensive examinations prescribed by the SBEC as specified in §230.21 of this title.

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