

1. Where can I find information on waivers for my district?

The [Waivers Online Report](#) allows anyone to view the status of final district waivers by name, status, type and date. The report allows for multiselect features. Once a report is generated, it can also be printed or exported to Excel.

2. Where can I find information on class size exceptions for my school?

Information on class size exceptions may be found on the [Waivers Online Report](#) by selecting “Class Size Exception” from the “Waiver Type” field.

According to [Chapter 25 of the Texas Education Code \(TEC\)](#), a school district may not enroll more than 22 students in a prekindergarten, kindergarten, first, second, third, or fourth grade class. There are no state-mandated class size limits for other grades. Charter schools are not subject to TEC Chapter 25 class size limits. Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact a campus administrator for more information about their child’s class size if they have questions or concerns.

3. When must a district submit a class size exception request?

A school district seeking an exception from the class size limit must apply for the exception by: 1) October 1; or 2) the 30th day after the first school day the district exceeds the 22-class size limit, *whichever is later*.

4. When must a district notify me that my student’s class has been granted an exception from the class size limit?

A campus or district that is granted a class size exception must provide written notice of the exception to the parent of or person standing in parental relation to each student affected by the exception. The notice must be provided not later than the 31st day after: 1) the first day of the school year; or 2) the date the exception is granted, if the exception is granted after the beginning of the school year.

5. I am an educator but not certified. Can I apply for a certification waiver for myself?

The state teacher certification waiver is a credential that must be initiated by an employing school district interested in hiring a qualified individual. Candidates for certification cannot pursue a teacher certification waiver on their own. Districts have the option to pursue temporary credentials if interested in doing so. You may contact the human resources department of a district of interest to explore options and receive further guidance on the process.

Questions related to certification and other available options may be addressed to the Division of Educator Certification. Division contact information is located on their [website](#) or via their [Help Desk Ticket System](#).

6.If my district is a District of Innovation (DOI), do they no longer need waivers?

It depends. A district's exemptions are specific to its local innovation plan. To the extent an applicable exemption is part of a district's DOI plan, the district may not need to submit a waiver request. For a list of districts that have notified the agency that they are a DOI, please refer to the agency's [District of Innovation webpage](#). For questions or concerns about your district's plan, contact the district directly.

7.Can I apply for an individual waiver for my child/student?

The State Waivers division processes requests submitted on behalf of the district or charter school for waivers from Texas Education Code and/or Texas Administrative Code. If there is a specific application you are seeking for your child/student, you may need to contact your school district or charter school, or the appropriate agency division that is the subject matter expert on the topic you are inquiring about (ex: special education, curriculum, testing).