

## ELAR 4-8 Exam Redesign

### CERTIFICATION TESTING REQUIREMENTS

#### Candidates testing through 12/31/2021.

- 117 ELAR 4-8 Exam
- 293 STR Exam
- PPR or edTPA

#### Candidates testing starting on 01/01/2022.

- 217 ELAR 4-8 Exam
- 293 STR Exam
- PPR or edTPA

Frequently Asked Questions	Answers
<b>Exam Launch and Candidate Registration</b>	
<b>When does this exam launch?</b>	❖ The redesigned ELAR 4-8 (217) exam is scheduled to launch <b>January 1, 2022</b> , with a first score reporting date of <b>January 21, 2022</b> .
<b>When can candidates begin registering for this exam?</b>	❖ Candidates can begin registering for this redesigned exam in <b>October 2021</b> .
<b>Who should take the redesigned ELAR 4-8 (217)?</b>	❖ Candidates seeking an intern, probationary and/or standard certification in ELAR 4-8 (with STR). *Any candidate who enrolls in their program as of <b>summer 2021 will take the 217 exam</b> .
<b>Will this exam have an introductory period, and if so, what can we expect?</b>	❖ The redesigned ELAR 4-8 (217) exam introductory period will be from <b>January 2022 through August 2022</b> . During the exam introductory period, an initial cut score will be established to support the transition into the new exam. Within the introductory period, candidates must meet a minimum threshold of items correct in order to pass the exam. Expect more information soon.
<b>Exam Transition and Program Requirements</b>	
<b>What is the deadline for candidates to take the current ELAR 4-8 (117)?</b>	❖ The last day for candidates to take the older ELAR 4-8 exam (117) will be <b>December 31, 2021</b> . The last registration date will be <b>December 29, 2021</b> .
<b>Is this a new certification area?</b>	❖ The redesigned ELAR 4-8 exam is not representative of a new certification area. The name of the certification area will remain the same. The only change is the exam number from 117 to 217.
<b>Will programs have to reapply to offer the ELAR 4-8 (217) certification?</b>	❖ No, programs will not have to reapply because this is not a new certification area.
<b>To be certified in ELAR 4-8, will candidates have to take both the ELAR 4-8 (217) and the STR (293)?</b>	❖ Yes, along with passing either the edTPA or PPR, candidates seeking certification in ELAR 4-8 are required to take the STR (293) along with the appropriate ELAR 4-8 exam.
<b>Candidate Preparation Resources</b>	

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<b>When will the preparation manual for this exam be available?</b>	❖ The preparation manual for the redesigned ELAR 4-8 exam (217) will be publicly available on the Texas Program Website in <b>August 2021</b> .
<b>When will the representative and interactive practice test be available?</b>	❖ Both the representative exam and the interactive practice test will be available for purchase <b>Spring 2022</b> . TEA and the testing vendor, Pearson, will provide communication as these materials become available to educator preparation programs and candidates.