

Item 12:

Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Proposed Review of 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

SUMMARY: Texas Government Code, §2001.039, establishes a four-year rule review cycle for all state agency rules, including State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules. This item presents for SBEC approval the proposed review of 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification. The rules under review set out SBEC's authority, and the procedures specify the requirements for issuance of educator certificates and permits, the testing requirements and associated fees, and the types and classes of certificates issued. These requirements ensure that educators are qualified and professionally prepared to instruct the schoolchildren of Texas.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Statutory authority for the rule review is Texas Government Code, §2001.039. The statutory authority for 19 TAC Chapter 230 is the Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.041(b)(1), (2), and (4) and (c); 21.044(a); 21.048; 21.050, as amended by House Bill (HB) 3217, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019; and 22.082 for Subchapter A; 21.003(a); 21.031; 21.041(b)(1), (2), (4), and (5); 21.044(a); 21.048; 21.050; and 22.082 for Subchapter B; 21.031; 21.041(a); 21.041(b)(1), (2), (4), (7), and (8) and (c); and 21.041(c); 21.044(a); 21.045(a)(1); 21.048; as amended by HB 3, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019; 21.050; 22.082; and Texas Occupations Code (TOC), §54.003, for Subchapter C; 21.003(a); 21.031; 21.041(b)(1)–(5), and (9); 21.051; and 22.0831(c) and (f) for Subchapter D; 21.041(a) and (b)(1)–(4) for Subchapter E; 21.031(a); 21.041(b)(1), (2), and (4); 21.044(a); 21.045, and 21.048, as amended by HB 3, 86th Texas Legislature, for Subchapter F; 21.031(a); 21.041(b)(1)–(5) and (9) and (c); 21.041(d); 21.044(a), (e), and (f); 21.048; 21.0485; 21.050, as amended by HB 3217, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019; 21.054(a), as amended by HB 2424, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019; 22.082; and 22.0831(f); TOC, §53.105; and Texas Government Code, §2054.111 and §2054.252, for Subchapter G; and 21.040(6); 21.041(b)(4) and (5) and (c); 21.048, as amended by HB 3, 86th Texas Legislature; 21.050, as amended by HB 3217, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019; 21.052; and 21.054(a) for Subchapter H.

FUTURE ACTION EXPECTED: The review of 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, is scheduled to be presented to the SBEC for adoption at the December 2019 meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION: The SBEC rules in 19 TAC Chapter 230 are organized as follows: Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators, Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued, Subchapter E, Educational Aide Certificate, Subchapter F, Permits, Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures, and Subchapter H, Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States. These subchapters provide for rules that establish issuance of educator

certificates and permits, the testing requirements and associated fees, and the types and classes of certificates issued.

The rules currently in effect, including the amendments adopted at the July 2019 SBEC meeting, in 19 TAC Chapter 230 are shown in Attachment II.

ANTICIPATED REVISIONS TO RULES: It is anticipated that Texas Education Agency staff will present proposed changes to 19 TAC Chapter 230 for discussion and action at the December 2019 meeting to incorporate changes that resulted from the 85th and 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Sessions, 2017 and 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The Texas Education Agency will file the notice of proposed review of 19 TAC Chapter 230 with the *Texas Register* following the October 2019 SBEC meeting. The SBEC will accept comments as to whether the reasons for adopting 19 TAC Chapter 230 continue to exist. The public comment period on the proposed rule review begins October 25, 2019 and ends November 25, 2019. The SBEC will take registered oral and written comments on this item at the December 6, 2019 meeting in accordance with the SBEC board operating policies and procedures.

The filing of the notice of proposed review soliciting comments as to whether the reasons for adoption continue to exist would not preclude any amendments that may be proposed at the same time or at different times through a separate rulemaking process.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the proposed review of 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, including the amendments adopted at the July 2019 SBEC meeting, to be published as proposed in the *Texas Register*.

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Attachments:

- I. Statutory Citations
- II. Text of 19 TAC Chapter 230, General Certification Provisions, including Figure: 19 TAC §230.11(b)(5)(C) and Figure: 19 TAC §230.21(e)

ATTACHMENT I**Statutory Citations Relating to Review of 19 TAC
Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification****Rule Review****Texas Government Code, §2001.039, Agency Review of Existing Rules:**

- (a) A state agency shall review and consider for readoption each of its rules in accordance with this section.
- (b) A state agency shall review a rule not later than the fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and every four years after that date. The adoption of an amendment to an existing rule does not affect the dates on which the rule must be reviewed except that the effective date of an amendment is considered to be the effective date of the rule if the agency formally conducts a review of the rule in accordance with this section as part of the process of adopting the amendment.
- (c) The state agency shall readopt, readopt with amendments, or repeal a rule as the result of reviewing the rule under this section.
- (d) The procedures of this subchapter relating to the original adoption of a rule apply to the review of a rule and to the resulting repeal, readoption, or readoption with amendments of the rule, except as provided by this subsection. Publishing the Texas Administrative Code citation to a rule under review satisfies the requirements of this subchapter relating to publishing the text of the rule unless the agency readopts the rule with amendments as a result of the review.
- (e) A state agency's review of a rule must include an assessment of whether the reasons for initially adopting the rule continue to exist.

19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification**Texas Education Code, §21.003, Certification Required (excerpt):**

- (a) A person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, administrator, educational diagnostician, or school counselor by a school district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate or permit issued as provided by Subchapter B.

Texas Education Code, §21.031, Purpose:

- (a) The State Board for Educator Certification is established to recognize public school educators as professionals and to grant educators the authority to govern the standards of their profession. The board shall regulate and oversee all aspects of the certification, continuing education, and standards of conduct of public school educators.
- (b) In proposing rules under this subchapter, the board shall ensure that all candidates for certification or renewal of certification demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the performance of the diverse student population of this state.

Texas Education Code, §21.040, General Powers and Duties of Board (excerpt):

- (6) The Board shall develop and implement policies that clearly define the respective responsibilities of the board and the board's staff; and

Texas Education Code, §21.041, Rules; Fees (excerpts):

- (a) The board may adopt rules as necessary for its own procedures.
- (b) The board shall propose rules that:
 - (1) provide for the regulation of educators and the general administration of this subchapter in a manner consistent with this subchapter;
 - (2) specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates;
 - (3) specify the period for which each class of educator certificate is valid;
 - (4) specify the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate;
 - (5) provide for the issuance of an educator certificate to a person who holds a similar certificate issued by another state or foreign country, subject to Section 21.052;
 - (7) provide for disciplinary proceedings, including the suspension or revocation of an educator certificate, as provided by Chapter 2001, Government Code;
 - (8) provide for the adoption, amendment, and enforcement of an educator's code of ethics;
 - (9) provide for continuing education requirements; and
- (c) The board shall propose a rule adopting a fee for the issuance and maintenance of an educator certificate that, when combined with any fees imposed under Subsection (d), is adequate to cover the cost of administration of this subchapter.
- (d) The board may propose a rule adopting a fee for the approval or renewal of approval of an educator preparation program, or for the addition of a certificate or field of certification to the scope of a program's approval. A fee imposed under this subsection may not exceed the amount necessary, as determined by the board, to provide for the administrative cost of approving, renewing the approval of, and appropriately ensuring the accountability of educator preparation programs under this subchapter.

Texas Education Code, §21.044, Educator Preparation (excerpts):

- (a) The board shall propose rules establishing the training requirements a person must accomplish to obtain a certificate, enter an internship, or enter an induction-year program. The board shall specify the minimum academic qualifications required for a certificate.
- (e) In proposing rules under this section for a person to obtain a certificate to teach a health science technology education course, the board shall specify the minimum qualifications required for a certificate.
- (f) The board may not propose rules for a certificate to teach a health science technology education course that specify that a person must have a bachelor's degree or that establish any other credential or teaching experience requirements that exceed the requirements.

Texas Education Code, §21.0441, Admission Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs (excerpts):

- (a) Rules of the board proposed under this subchapter must provide that a person, other than a person seeking career and technology education certification, is not eligible for admission to an educator preparation program, including an alternative educator preparation program, unless the person:
 - (1) except as provided by Subsection (b), satisfies the following minimum grade point average requirements:
 - (A) an overall grade point average of at least 2.50 on a four-point scale or the equivalent on any course work previously attempted at a public or private institution of higher education; or
 - (B) a grade point average of at least 2.50 on a four-point scale or the equivalent for the last 60 semester credit hours attempted at a public or private institution of higher education; and
 - (2) if the person is seeking initial certification:
 - (A) has successfully completed at least:
 - (i) 15 semester credit hours in the subject-specific content area in which the person is seeking certification, if the person is seeking certification to teach mathematics or science at or above grade level seven; or
 - (ii) 12 semester credit hours in the subject-specific content area in which the person is seeking certification, if the person is not seeking certification to teach mathematics or science at or above grade level seven; or
 - (B) has achieved a satisfactory level of performance on a content certification examination, which may be a content certification examination administered by a vendor approved by the commissioner for purposes of administering such an examination for the year for which the person is applying for admission to the program.

Texas Education Code, §21.045, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs:

- (a) The board shall propose rules necessary to establish standards to govern the continuing accountability of all educator preparation programs based on the following information that is disaggregated with respect to race, sex, and ethnicity:
 - (1) results of the certification examinations prescribed under Section 21.048(a);
 - (2) performance based on the appraisal system for beginning teachers adopted by the board;
 - (3) achievement, including improvement in achievement, of students taught by beginning teachers for the first three years following certification, to the extent practicable;
 - (4) compliance with board requirements regarding the frequency, duration, and quality of structural guidance and ongoing support provided by field supervisors to candidates completing student teaching, clinical teaching, or an internship; and

- (5) results from a teacher satisfaction survey, developed by the board with stakeholder input, of new teachers performed at the end of the teacher's first year of teaching.
- (b) Each educator preparation program shall submit data elements as required by the board for an annual performance report to ensure access and equity. At a minimum, the annual report must contain:
- (1) the performance data from Subsection (a), other than the data required for purposes of Subsection (a)(3);
 - (2) data related to the program's compliance with requirements for field supervision of candidates during their clinical teaching and internship experiences;
 - (3) the following information, disaggregated by race, sex, and ethnicity:
 - (A) the number of candidates who apply;
 - (B) the number of candidates admitted;
 - (C) the number of candidates retained;
 - (D) the number of candidates completing the program;
 - (E) the number of candidates employed as beginning teachers under standard teaching certificates by not later than the first anniversary of completing the program;
 - (F) the amount of time required by candidates employed as beginning teachers under probationary teaching certificates to be issued standard teaching certificates;
 - (G) the number of candidates retained in the profession; and
 - (H) any other information required by federal law;
 - (4) the ratio of field supervisors to candidates completing student teaching, clinical teaching, or an internship; and
 - (5) any other information necessary to enable the board to assess the effectiveness of the program on the basis of teacher retention and success criteria adopted by the board.
- (c) The board shall propose rules necessary to establish performance standards for the Accountability System for Educator Preparation for accrediting educator preparation programs. At a minimum, performance standards must be based on Subsection (a).
- (d) To assist an educator preparation program in improving the design and effectiveness of the program in preparing educators for the classroom, the agency shall provide to each program data that is compiled and analyzed by the agency based on information reported through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) relating to the program.

Texas Education Code, §21.048, Certification Examinations, as amended by House Bill (HB) 3, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019:

- (a) The board shall propose rules prescribing comprehensive examinations for each class of certificate issued by the board. The commissioner shall determine the satisfactory level of performance required for each certification examination. For the issuance of a

generalist certificate, the commissioner shall require a satisfactory level of examination performance in each core subject covered by the examination.

- (a-1) The board may not require that more than 45 days elapse before a person may retake an examination. A person may not retake an examination more than four times, unless the board waives the limitation for good cause as prescribed by the board.
- (a-2) The board shall adopt rules that provide that in order to teach any grade level from prekindergarten through grade six a person must demonstrate proficiency in the science of teaching reading on a certification examination for each class of certificate issued by the board after January 1, 2021.
- (b) The board may not administer a written examination to determine the competence or level of performance of an educator who has a hearing impairment unless the examination has been field tested to determine its appropriateness, reliability, and validity as applied to, and minimum acceptable performance scores for, persons with hearing impairments.
- (c) An educator who has a hearing impairment is exempt from taking a written examination for a period ending on the first anniversary of the date on which the board determines, on the basis of appropriate field tests, that the examination complies with the standards specified in Subsection (b). On application to the board, the board shall issue a temporary exemption certificate to a person entitled to an exemption under this subsection.
- (c-1) The results of an examination administered under this section are confidential and are not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code, unless:
 - (1) the disclosure is regarding notification to a parent of the assignment of an uncertified teacher to a classroom as required by Section 21.057; or
 - (2) the educator has failed the examination more than five times.
- (d) In this section:
 - (1) "Hearing impairment" means a hearing impairment so severe that the person cannot process linguistic information with or without amplification.
 - (2) "Reliability" means the extent to which an experiment, test, or measuring procedure yields the same results on repeated trials.
 - (3) "Validity" means being:
 - (A) well-grounded or justifiable;
 - (B) relevant and meaningful;
 - (C) correctly derived from premises or inferences; and
 - (D) supported by objective truth or generally accepted authority.

Texas Education Code, §21.0485, Certification to Teach Students with Visual Impairments:

- (a) To be eligible to be issued a certificate to teach students with visual impairments, a person must:
 - (1) complete either:

- (A) all course work required for that certification in an approved educator preparation program; or
 - (B) an alternative educator certification program approved for the purpose by the board;
- (2) perform satisfactorily on each examination prescribed under Section 21.048 for certification to teach students with visual impairments, after completing the course work or program described by Subdivision (1); and
 - (3) satisfy any other requirements prescribed by the board.
- (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to eligibility for a certificate to teach students with visual impairments, including eligibility for renewal of that certificate, if the application for the initial certificate was submitted on or before September 1, 2011.

Texas Education Code, §21.050, Academic Degree Required for Teaching Certificate; Field-Based Experience or Internship, as amended by HB 3217, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019:

- (a) A person who applies for a teaching certificate for which board rules require a bachelor's degree must possess a bachelor's degree received with an academic major or interdisciplinary academic major, including reading, [~~other than education,~~] that is related to the curriculum as prescribed under Subchapter A, Chapter 28.
- (b) [~~The board may not require more than 18 semester credit hours of education courses at the baccalaureate level for the granting of a teaching certificate.~~] The board shall provide for a minimum number of semester credit hours of field-based experience or internship to be included in the hours needed for certification. The board may propose rules requiring additional credit hours for certification in bilingual education, English as a second language, early childhood education, or special education.
- (c) A person who receives a bachelor's degree required for a teaching certificate on the basis of higher education coursework completed while receiving an exemption from tuition and fees under Section 54.214 may not be required to participate in any field experience or internship consisting of student teaching to receive a teaching certificate.

Texas Education Code, §21.051, Rules Regarding Field-Based Experience and Options for Field Experience and Internships:

- (a) In this section, "teacher of record" means a person employed by a school district who teaches the majority of the instructional day in an academic instructional setting and is responsible for evaluating student achievement and assigning grades.
- (b) Before a school district may employ a candidate for certification as a teacher of record, the candidate must complete at least 15 hours of field-based experience in which the candidate is actively engaged in instructional or educational activities under supervision at:
 - (1) a public school campus accredited or approved for the purpose by the agency; or
 - (2) a private school recognized or approved for the purpose by the agency.
- (c) Subsection (b) applies only to an initial certification issued on or after September 1, 2012. Subsection (b) does not affect:
 - (1) the validity of a certification issued before September 1, 2012; or

- (2) the eligibility of a person who holds a certification issued before September 1, 2012, to obtain a subsequent renewal of the certification in accordance with board rule.
- (d) Subsection (b) does not affect the period within which an individual must complete field-based experience hours as determined by board rule if the individual is not accepted into an educator preparation program before the deadline prescribed by board rule and is hired for a teaching assignment by a school district after the deadline prescribed by board rule.
- (e) The board shall propose rules relating to the field-based experience required by Subsection (b). The commissioner by rule shall adopt procedures and standards for recognizing a private school under Subsection (b)(2).
- (f) The board shall propose rules providing flexible options for persons for any field-based experience or internship required for certification.

Texas Education Code, §21.052, Certification of Educators from Outside the State (excerpts):

- (a) The board may issue a certificate to an educator who applies for a certificate and:
 - (1) holds:
 - (A) a degree issued by an institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency or group that is recognized by a nationally recognized accreditation board; or
 - (B) a degree issued by an institution located in a foreign country, if the degree is equivalent to a degree described by Paragraph (A);
 - (2) holds an appropriate certificate or other credential issued by another state or country; and
 - (3) performs satisfactorily on:
 - (A) the examination prescribed under Section 21.048; or
 - (B) if the educator holds a certificate or other credential issued by another state or country, an examination similar to and at least as rigorous as that described by Paragraph (A) administered to the educator under the authority of that state.

Texas Education Code, §21.054, Continuing Education, as amended by HB 2424, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019 (excerpt):

- (a) The board shall propose rules establishing a process for identifying continuing education courses and programs that fulfill educators' continuing education requirements, including opportunities for educators to receive micro-credentials in fields of study related to the educator's certification class as provided by Subsection (i).

Texas Education Code, §22.082, Access to Criminal History Records by State Board for Educator Certification:

The State Board for Educator Certification shall subscribe to the criminal history clearinghouse as provided by, Texas Government Code, §411.0845 and may obtain from any law enforcement or criminal justice agency all criminal history record information and all records contained in any closed criminal investigation file that relate

to a specific applicant for or holder of a certificate issued under Chapter 21, Subchapter B.

Texas Education Code, §22.0831, National Criminal History Record Information Review of Certified Educators (excerpts):

- (c) The board shall review the national criminal history record information of a person who has not previously submitted fingerprints to the department or been subject to a national criminal history record information review.
- (f) The board may propose rules to implement this section, including rules establishing:
 - (1) deadlines for a person to submit fingerprints and photographs in compliance with this section; and
 - (2) sanctions for a person's failure to comply with the requirements of this section, including suspension or revocation of a certificate or refusal to issue a certificate.

Texas Occupations Code, §53.105, Fees:

A licensing authority may charge a person requesting an evaluation under this subchapter a fee adopted by the authority. Fees adopted by a licensing authority under this subchapter must be in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of administering this subchapter.

Texas Occupations Code, §54.003, Examination Accommodations for Person with Dyslexia:

- (a) In this section, "dyslexia" has the meaning assigned by Section 51.970, Education Code.
- (b) For each licensing examination administered by a state agency, the agency shall provide reasonable examination accommodations to an examinee diagnosed as having dyslexia.
- (c) Each state agency shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section, including rules to establish the eligibility criteria an examinee must meet for accommodation under this section.

Texas Government Code, §2054.011, Statewide Network Applications Account:

- (a) The statewide network applications account is established in the general revenue fund.
- (b) Amounts credited to the statewide network applications account may be appropriated only for the purchase, improvement, or maintenance of information resources, information resources technologies or applications, or related services or items for use by a network of state agencies that may include agencies in the legislative branch of state government.

Texas Education Code, §2054.252, State Electronic Internet Portal Project:

- (a) The department shall implement a state electronic Internet portal project that establishes a common electronic infrastructure through which state agencies and local governments, including licensing entities, may by any method:
 - (1) send and receive documents or required payments to and from:
 - (A) members of the public;
 - (B) persons who are regulated by the agencies or local governments; and

- (C) the agencies and local governments;
 - (2) receive applications for original and renewal licenses and permits, including occupational licenses, complaints about occupational license holders, and other documents for filing from members of the public and persons who are regulated by a state agency or local government that, when secure access is necessary, can be electronically validated by the agency, local government, member of the public, or regulated person;
 - (3) send original and renewal occupational licenses to persons regulated by licensing entities;
 - (4) send profiles of occupational license holders to persons regulated by licensing entities and to the public;
 - (5) store information; and
 - (6) provide and receive any other service to and from the agencies and local governments or the public.
- (b) The electronic infrastructure established by the department under Subsection (a) may include the Internet, intranets, extranets, and wide area networks.
 - (b-1) The department may include in the electronic infrastructure established under Subsection (a) a method by which a state agency or local government may track payments, including cash and credit card payments, received by the state agency or local government, whether or not the payments are made through the infrastructure.
 - (c) The department may implement this section in phases. Each state agency or local government that chooses to participate in the project and each licensing entity shall comply with the schedule established by the department.
 - (d) The department may contract with a private vendor to implement this section.
 - (e) The department shall charge fees to licensing entities as provided by this subchapter in amounts sufficient to cover the cost of implementing this section with respect to licensing entities. The department shall charge a subscription fee to be paid by each licensing entity. The department may not charge the subscription fee until the service for which the fee is charged is available on the Internet. If the department determines that the transaction costs exceed the maximum increase in occupational license issuance or renewal fees allowed under Subsection (g), the department may also charge a reasonable convenience fee to be recovered from a license holder who uses the project for online issuance or renewal of a license.
 - (f) The department may exempt a licensing entity from subscription fees under Subsection (e) if the department determines that the licensing entity has established an Internet portal that is performing the functions described by Subsection (a).
 - (g) Each licensing entity shall increase the occupational license issuance or renewal fees imposed by the licensing entity by an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the subscription fee imposed on the licensing entity under Subsection (e) but not to exceed:
 - (1) \$5 for an annual occupational license;
 - (2) \$10 for a biennial occupational license; or
 - (3) the amount necessary to cover the cost of the subscription fee imposed on the licensing entity under Subsection (e) for permits or facilities licenses.

ATTACHMENT II
Text of 19 TAC

Chapter 230. Professional Educator Preparation and Certification

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§230.1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, Chapter 232 of this title (relating to General Certification Provisions), and Chapter 233 of this title (relating to Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates), shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) Accredited institution of higher education--An institution of higher education that, at the time it conferred the degree, was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- (2) Appropriate--Suitable for a particular purpose. The term denotes compliance with State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules and with SBEC procedures and policies posted on the Texas Education Agency website that are related to the stated particular purpose.
- (3) Candidate--An individual who has been formally or contingently admitted into an educator preparation program; also referred to as an enrollee or participant.
- (4) Certificate--Any educator credential issued by the State Board for Educator Certification under the authority of the Texas Education Code, Chapter 21, Subchapter B.
- (5) Certification class--A certificate, as described in §230.33 of this title (relating to Classes of Certificates), that has defined characteristics and includes the following: superintendent, principal, classroom teacher, school counselor, school librarian, educational diagnostician, reading specialist, and master teacher.
- (6) Charter school--A Texas public school operated by a charter holder under an open-enrollment charter school granted either by the State Board of Education (SBOE) or commissioner of education, whichever is applicable, pursuant to Texas Education Code, §12.101, identified with its own county district number.
- (7) Classroom teacher--An educator who is employed by a school or district and who, not less than an average of four hours each day, teaches in an academic instructional setting or a career and technical education instructional setting. This term does not include an educational aide or a full-time administrator.
- (8) Content certification examination--A standardized test or assessment required by statute or State Board for Educator Certification rule that governs an individual's admission to an educator preparation program.
- (9) Content pedagogy examinations--A standardized test or assessment required by statute or State Board for Educator Certification rule that governs an individual's certification as an educator.
- (10) Continuing professional education--Professional development required for the renewal of standard and/or lifetime certificates that is designed to ensure improvement in both the performance of the educator and achievement of his or her students.
- (11) Educator--An individual who is required to hold a certificate issued under the Texas Education Code, Chapter 21, Subchapter B.
- (12) Educator preparation program--An entity approved by the State Board for Educator Certification to offer training and coursework that must adequately prepare candidates for educator certification and meet the standards and requirements of the board.

- (13) Examination--A standardized test or assessment required by statute or State Board for Educator Certification rule that governs an individual's admission to an educator preparation program, certification as an educator, continuation as an educator, or advancement as an educator.
- (14) Hearing impairment--As defined in the Texas Education Code, §21.048(d)(1), a hearing impairment so severe that the person cannot process linguistic information with or without amplification.
- (15) Initial certification--The first Texas educator certificate for a particular class issued to an individual as specified in §230.33 of this title (relating to Classes of Certificates).
- (16) Intern certificate--A type of certificate issued to a candidate who has passed all required content examinations and is completing requirements for certification through an approved educator preparation program.
- (17) Pilot exam--a certification exam that is subject to review by the State Board for Educator Certification prior to September 1, 2021.
- (18) Private school--A non-public school whose educational program has been evaluated by a regional accrediting agency and whose program has met and is maintaining certain educational standards.
- (19) Probationary certificate--A type of certificate issued to a candidate who has passed all required examinations and is completing requirements for certification through an approved educator preparation program.
- (20) Professional class--A term that refers to certificates for duties other than classroom teacher (e.g., superintendent, principal, school counselor, school librarian, educational diagnostician, reading specialist, and master teachers).
- (21) Standard certificate--A type of certificate issued to an individual who has met all requirements for a given class of certification, as specified in §230.33 of this title (relating to Classes of Certificates).
- (22) Teacher--An individual who is required to hold a certificate issued under the Texas Education Code, Chapter 21, Subchapter B.
- (23) Teacher of record--An educator who is employed by a school or district and who teaches in an academic instructional setting or a career and technical instructional setting not less than an average of four hours each day and is responsible for evaluating student achievement and assigning grades.
- (24) Teacher service record--The official document used to record years of service and days used and accumulated under the state's former minimum sick leave program or the state's current personal leave program.
- (25) Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)--The kindergarten-Grade 12 state curriculum in Texas adopted by the State Board of Education and used as the foundation of all state certification examinations.
- (26) Texas school district--A school district accredited and approved by the Texas Education Agency under the Texas Education Code, Chapter 11.

§230.3. Purpose.

The purpose of certifying public and non-public school educators is to identify qualified and professionally prepared individuals who have demonstrated pedagogical and content proficiency. The certification shall comply with the Texas Education Code, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, and rules adopted by the State Board for Educator Certification.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.3 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.041(b)(1), (2), and (4), 21.044(a), 21.048, 21.050, and 22.082.

Source: The provisions of this §230.3 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753.

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
 - (B) verification of minimum scaled scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based Test (TOEFL iBT) of 24 for speaking, 22 for listening, 22 for reading, and 21 for writing; or
 - (C) if an undergraduate or graduate degree was earned at an institution of higher education in a country outside of the United States listed in the figure provided in this subparagraph.

Figure: 19 TAC §230.11(b)(5)(C)
 - (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 Principal Certificate), or Chapter 242 of this title (relating to Superintendent Certificate), and be recommended for certification by an approved educator preparation program;
 - (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).

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).

Source: The provisions of this §230.11 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309; amended to be effective October 17, 2017, 42 TexReg 5680.

§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.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.13 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.041(b)(2) and (4), 21.044(a), 21.048, 21.050, and 22.082.

Source: The provisions of this §230.13 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

Subchapter C. Assessment of Educators

§230.21. Educator Assessment.

- (a) A candidate seeking certification as an educator must pass the examination(s) required by the Texas Education Code (TEC), §21.048, and the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) in §233.1(e) of this title (relating to General Authority) and shall not retake an examination more than four times, unless the limitation is waived for good cause. The burden of proof shall be upon the candidate to demonstrate good cause.
 - (1) For the purposes of the retake limitation described by the TEC, §21.048, an examination retake is defined as a second or subsequent attempt to pass any examination required for the issuance of a certificate, including an individual core subject examination that is part of the overall examination required for the issuance of a Core Subjects certificate as described in §233.2 of this title (relating to Early Childhood; Core Subjects).
 - (A) A canceled examination score is not considered an examination retake.
 - (B) An examination taken by an educator during a pilot period is not considered part of an educator's five-time test attempt limit.
 - (C) Pursuant to TEC, §21.0491(d), the limit on number of test attempts does not apply to the trade and industrial workforce training certificate examination prescribed by the SBEC.

- (D) A candidate who fails a computer- or paper-based examination cannot retake the examination before 45 days have elapsed following the candidate's last attempt to pass the examination.
- (2) Good cause is:
- (A) the candidate's highest score on an examination is within one conditional standard error of measurement (CSEM) of passing, and the candidate has completed 50 clock-hours of educational activities. CSEMs will be published annually on the Texas Education Agency (TEA) website;
 - (B) the candidate's highest score on an examination is within two CSEMs of passing, and the candidate has completed 100 clock-hours of educational activities;
 - (C) the candidate's highest score on an examination is within three CSEMs of passing, and the candidate has completed 150 clock-hours of educational activities;
 - (D) the candidate's highest score on an examination is not within three CSEMs of passing, and the candidate has completed 200 clock-hours of educational activities;
 - (E) if the candidate needs a waiver for more than one of the individual core subject examinations that are part of the overall examination required for the issuance of a Core Subjects certificate, the candidate has completed the number of clock-hours of educational activities required for each individual core subject examination as described in subparagraphs (A)-(D) of this paragraph up to a maximum of 300 clock-hours. The number of clock-hours for each examination may be divided equally based on the number of examinations in the waiver request, but the number of clock-hours for an examination shall not be less than 50; or
 - (F) if a CSEM is not appropriate for an examination, the TEA staff will identify individuals who are familiar and knowledgeable with the examination content to review the candidate's performance on the five most recent examinations, identify the deficit competency or competencies, and determine the number of clock-hours of educational activities required.
- (3) Educational activities are defined as:
- (A) institutes, workshops, seminars, conferences, interactive distance learning, video conferencing, online activities, undergraduate courses, graduate courses, training programs, in-service, or staff development given by an approved continuing professional education provider or sponsor, pursuant to §232.17 of this title (relating to Pre-Approved Professional Education Provider or Sponsor) and §232.19 of this title (relating to Approval of Private Companies, Private Entities, and Individuals), or an approved educator preparation program (EPP), pursuant to §228.10 of this title (relating to Approval Process); and
 - (B) being directly related to the knowledge and skills included in the certification examination competency or competencies in which the candidate answered less than 70 percent of competency questions correctly. The formula for identifying a deficit competency is the combined total of correct answers for each competency on the five most recent examinations divided by the combined total of questions for each competency on the five most recent examinations.
- (4) Documentation of educational activities that a candidate must submit includes:
- (A) the provider, sponsor, or program's name, address, telephone number, and email address. The TEA staff may contact the provider, sponsor, or program to verify an educational activity;
 - (B) the name of the educational activity (e.g., course title, course number);
 - (C) the competency or competencies addressed by the educational activity as determined by the formula described in paragraph (3)(B) of this subsection;

- (D) the provider, sponsor, or program's description of the educational activity (e.g., syllabus, course outline, program of study); and
- (E) the provider, sponsor, or program's written verification of the candidate's completion of the educational activity (e.g., transcript, certificate of completion). The written verification must include:
 - (i) the provider, sponsor, or program's name;
 - (ii) the candidate's name;
 - (iii) the name of the educational activity;
 - (iv) the date(s) of the educational activity; and
 - (v) the number of clock-hours completed for the educational activity. Clock-hours completed before the most recent examination attempt or after a request for a waiver is submitted shall not be included. One semester credit hour earned at an accredited institution of higher education is equivalent to 15 clock-hours.
- (5) To request a waiver of the limitation, a candidate must meet the following conditions:
 - (A) the candidate is otherwise eligible to take an examination. A candidate seeking a certificate based on completion of an EPP must have the approval of an EPP to request a waiver;
 - (B) beginning September 1, 2016, the candidate pays the non-refundable waiver request fee of \$160;
 - (C) the candidate requests the waiver of the limitation in writing on forms developed by the TEA staff; and
 - (D) the request for the waiver is postmarked not earlier than:
 - (i) 45 calendar days after an unsuccessful attempt at the fourth retake of an examination as defined in the TEC, §21.048; or
 - (ii) 90 calendar days after the date of the most recent denied waiver of the limitation request; or
 - (iii) 180 calendar days after the date of the most recent unsuccessful examination attempt that was the result of the most recently approved request for waiver of the limitation.
- (6) The TEA staff shall administratively approve each application that meets the criteria specified in paragraphs (2)-(5) of this subsection.
- (7) An applicant who does not meet the criteria in paragraphs (2)-(5) of this subsection may appeal to the SBEC for a final determination of good cause. A determination by the SBEC is final and may not be appealed.
- (b) A candidate seeking a standard certificate as an educator based on completion of an approved EPP may take the appropriate certification examination(s) required by subsection (a) of this section only at such time as the EPP determines the candidate's readiness to take the examinations, or upon successful completion of the EPP, whichever comes first.
- (c) The holder of a lifetime Texas certificate effective before February 1, 1986, must pass examinations prescribed by the SBEC to be eligible for continued certification, unless the individual has passed the Texas Examination of Current Administrators and Teachers (TECAT).
- (d) The commissioner of education approves the satisfactory level of performance required for certification examinations, and the SBEC approves a schedule of examination fees and a plan for administering the examinations.

- (e) The appropriate examination(s) required for certification are specified in the figure provided in this subsection.

Figure: 19 TAC §230.21(e)

- (f) Scores from examinations required under this title must be made available to the examinee, the TEA staff, and, if appropriate, the EPP from which the examinee will seek a recommendation for certification.
- (g) The following provisions concern ethical obligations relating to examinations.
- (1) An educator or candidate who participates in the development, design, construction, review, field testing, scoring, or validation of an examination shall not reveal or cause to be revealed the contents of the examination to any other person.
 - (2) An educator or candidate who administers an examination shall not:
 - (A) allow or cause an unauthorized person to view any part of the examination;
 - (B) copy, reproduce, or cause to be copied or reproduced any part of the examination;
 - (C) reveal or cause to be revealed the contents of the examination;
 - (D) correct, alter, or cause to be corrected or altered any response to a test item contained in the examination;
 - (E) provide assistance with any response to a test item contained in the examination or cause assistance to be provided; or
 - (F) deviate from the rules governing administration of the examination.
 - (3) An educator or candidate who is an examinee shall not:
 - (A) copy, reproduce, or cause to be copied or reproduced any test item contained in the examination;
 - (B) provide assistance with any response to a test item contained in the examination, or cause assistance to be provided;
 - (C) solicit or accept assistance with any response to a test item contained in the examination;
 - (D) deviate from the rules governing administration of the examination; or
 - (E) otherwise engage in conduct that amounts to cheating, deception, or fraud.
 - (4) An educator, candidate, or other test taker shall not:
 - (A) solicit information about the contents of test items on an examination that the educator, candidate, or other test taker has not already taken from an individual who has had access to those items, or offer information about the contents of specific test items on an examination to individuals who have not yet taken the examination;
 - (B) fail to pay all test costs and fees as required by this chapter or the testing vendor; or
 - (C) otherwise engage in conduct that amounts to violations of test security or confidentiality integrity, including cheating, deception, or fraud.
 - (5) A person who violates this subsection is subject to:
 - (A) sanction, including, but not limited to, disallowance and exclusion from future examinations either in perpetuity or for a period of time that serves the best interests of the education profession, in accordance with the provisions of the TEC, §21.041(b)(7), and Chapter 249 of this title (relating to Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases); and/or
 - (B) denial of certification in accordance with the provisions of the TEC, §21.041(b)(7), and Chapter 249 of this title; and/or

- (C) voiding of a score from an examination in which a violation specified in this subsection occurred as well as a loss of a test attempt for purposes of the retake limit in subsection (a) of this section.

§230.23. Testing Accommodations for Persons with Dyslexia.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall provide examination accommodations for persons with dyslexia.

- (1) For each licensing examination administered, the TEA and its testing vendor shall provide reasonable examination accommodations to an examinee diagnosed as having dyslexia as that term is defined in the Texas Occupations Code, §54.003.
- (2) The TEA and its testing vendor shall provide examination accommodations to an examinee diagnosed with dyslexia, provided acceptable medical or diagnostic documentation has been received and reviewed by the vendor prior to the administration of the examination.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.23 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.041(b)(1), (2), and (4); 21.044(a); 21.048; 21.050; 22.082; and the Texas Occupations Code, §54.003.

Source: The provisions of this §230.23 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 23, 2018, 43 TexReg 5470.

§230.25. Test Exemptions for Persons with a Hearing Impairment.

- (a) A candidate who has a hearing impairment may request exemption from educator certification and competence examinations that have not been field-tested for appropriateness, reliability, and validity as applied to persons with hearing impairments.
- (b) A request for such an exemption shall include:
 - (1) a report by a licensed audiologist documenting that the candidate has a hearing impairment so severe that the person cannot process written linguistic information. The report may not be dated more than one year from the date of the request for the exemption and should address the relationship between the candidate's age at the onset or diagnosis of hearing loss and the candidate's ability to process written linguistic information; and
 - (2) a recommendation for exemption and certification of the candidate by an approved Texas educator preparation program (EPP). The recommendation shall be based on the EPP's determination of the candidate's qualification for the exemption and competency in each certification class and category in which certification is sought. The EPP shall make and document its determination of educator standards competency, as follows:
 - (A) by reviewing and approving transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education that demonstrate that the candidate has completed 24 semester credit hours in the educator standards, including 12 semester credit hours of upper division coursework, and documenting that the coursework is aligned to the Texas educator standards;
 - (B) if an EPP uses an alternative assessment to measure competency in any certification class and category in which a certification is being sought, by documenting the method and validity of the means of assessment, the results of the assessment, and the alignment of the assessment to the applicable Texas educator standards; and
 - (C) for the Texas pedagogy and professional responsibilities examination, by documenting successful completion of EPP coursework and training covering educator standards for the grade level for which certification is sought.
- (c) The TEC, §21.048, provides that the SBEC may not administer a certification examination that has not been field-tested for appropriateness, reliability, and validity to a person who is unable to process linguistic information. An educator who has been granted such an exemption may not subsequently take any other such certification examination without submitting a new audiologist's report that addresses the prior audiologist's report and documents that the educator is now able to process written linguistic information.

- (d) This section does not affect the procedures for one-year certificates, extensions, and permits based on out-of-state credentials pursuant to §230.113 of this title (relating to Requirements for Texas Certificates Based on Certification from Other States or Territories of the United States), but, to be issued a standard certificate, a person must either satisfy the applicable examination requirements or be recommended for certification by an EPP.
- (e) As with other EPP completion and admission documentation under §228.40 of this title (relating to Assessment and Evaluation of Candidates for Certification and Program Improvement), all documentation required under this section shall be retained by an EPP for five years and is subject to audit by Texas Education Agency staff.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.25 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031; 21.041(a), (b)(1), (4), (7), and (8), and (c); 21.045(a)(1); 21.048; and the Texas Occupations Code, §54.003.

Source: The provisions of this §230.25 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective August 28, 2016, 41 TexReg 6191.

Subchapter D. Types and Classes of Certificates Issued

§230.31. Types of Certificates.

- (a) "Type of certificate" means a designation of the period of validity for a certificate and includes the following certificate designations:
 - (1) standard, as specified in subsection (c) of this section;
 - (2) provisional, as specified in subsection (b) of this section;
 - (3) professional, as specified in subsection (b) of this section;
 - (4) one year, as specified in §230.113 of this title (relating to Requirements for Texas Certificates Based on Certification from Other States or Territories of the United States) and Chapter 245 of this title (relating to Certification of Educators from Other Countries);
 - (5) intern, as specified in §230.36 of this title (relating to Intern Certificates);
 - (6) probationary, as specified in §230.37 of this title (relating to Probationary Certificates);
 - (7) emergency, as specified in §230.73 of this title (relating to Validity of Emergency Permits); and
 - (8) educational aide, as specified in Subchapter E of this chapter (relating to Educational Aide Certificate).
- (b) All provisional and professional educator certificates issued prior to September 1, 1999, shall be valid for the life of the individual unless suspended, surrendered in lieu of revocation, or revoked by lawful authority.
- (c) Effective September 1, 1999, the standard certificate shall be issued for all classes of certificates and shall be valid for five years, subject to the requirements of Chapter 232, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education Requirements). The standard certificate is issued to individuals who have met all requirements for a given subject area or class of certification.
- (d) Effective September 1, 2017, the educational aide certificate shall be valid for two years. Educational aide certificates issued effective September 1, 2017, will expire at the end of the two-year validity period. Individuals issued an educational aide certificate prior to September 1, 2017, as well as new applicants for the educational aide certificate, will be required to reapply for certification every two years and meet any other requirements for the educational aide certificate as specified in §230.65 of this title (relating to Requirements for Reissuance of Educational Aide Certificates).

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.31 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(5) and (9), 21.051, and 22.0831(c) and (f).

Source: The provisions of this §230.31 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

§230.33. Classes of Certificates.

- (a) "Class of certificates" means a certificate with the following characteristics:
- (1) specific job duties or functions associated with the certificate;
 - (2) standards established by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) for the issuance of the certificate; and
 - (3) comprehensive examination(s) prescribed by the SBEC, as specified in §230.21 of this title (relating to Educator Assessment).
- (b) Classes of certificates include the following:
- (1) superintendent;
 - (2) principal;
 - (3) classroom teacher (categories of classroom teaching certificates are described in Chapter 233 of this title (relating to Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates));
 - (4) reading specialist;
 - (5) master teacher;
 - (6) school librarian;
 - (7) school counselor; and
 - (8) educational diagnostician.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.33 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(5) and (9), 21.051, and 22.0831(c) and (f).

Source: The provisions of this §230.33 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

§230.35. Development, Approval, Implementation, and Evaluation of Teacher Certification Standards.

- (a) Purpose. The purpose of the certification standards shall be to ensure the highest level of educator preparation and practice to achieve student excellence.
- (b) Objectives. The objectives of the certification standards are:
- (1) to establish the knowledge and skills required of an individual seeking certification in a particular subject area;
 - (2) to guide the design and delivery of educator preparation programs (EPPs); and
 - (3) to direct the development of certification examinations and other requirements for issuance of the certificate.
- (c) Policy. The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) shall appoint an advisory committee to develop and recommend certification standards for approval that are based on the applicable Texas essential knowledge and skills (TEKS) adopted by the State Board of Education (SBOE) and reflect current research-based practices and knowledge of the developmental stages of learning to promote successful outcomes and academic achievement from Early Childhood-Grade 12.
- (d) Development. The SBEC shall develop the certification standards based on information provided by Texas educators, EPP representatives, parents, and citizens. Before approving standards for a certificate, the SBEC shall make the proposed standards available for public comment.
- (e) Implementation. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff shall be primarily responsible for implementing the certification standards approved by the SBEC by having certification examinations developed or recommended to the SBEC on the basis of such standards.

- (f) Evaluation. The TEA staff shall periodically evaluate approved certification standards based, at a minimum, on any changes to the TEKS or the job functions and duties of the related certificate.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.35 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(5) and (9), 21.051, and 22.0831(c) and (f).

Source: The provisions of this §230.35 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

§230.36. Intern Certificates.

- (a) General provisions.
- (1) Certificate classes. An intern certificate may be issued for any class of certificate except educational aide.
 - (2) Requirement to hold an intern certificate. A candidate seeking certification as an educator must hold an intern certificate while participating in an internship through an approved educator preparation program (EPP).
- (b) Requirements for issuance. An intern certificate may be issued to a candidate seeking certification as an educator who meets the conditions and requirements prescribed in this subsection.
- (1) Bachelor's degree. Except as otherwise provided in rules of the State Board for Educator Certification related to certain career and technical education certificates based on skill and experience, the candidate must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education. An individual who has earned a degree outside the United States must provide an original, detailed report or course-by-course evaluation for all college-level credits prepared by a foreign credential evaluation service recognized by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The evaluation must verify that the individual holds, at a minimum, the equivalent of a bachelor's degree issued by an accredited institution of higher education in the United States.
 - (2) General certification requirements. The candidate must meet the general certification requirements prescribed in §230.11 of this title (relating to General Requirements).
 - (3) Fee. The candidate must pay the fee prescribed in §230.101 of this title (relating to Schedule of Fees for Certification Services).
 - (4) Fingerprints. The candidate must submit fingerprints in accordance with §232.35(c) of this title (relating to Submission of Required Information) and the Texas Education Code (TEC), §22.0831.
- (c) Conditions. The validity and effectiveness of an intern certificate is subject to the following conditions.
- (1) Internship. The holder of an intern certificate must be a participant in good standing of an approved Texas EPP, serving in an acceptable, paid internship supervised by the EPP.
 - (2) Inactive status. An intern certificate will become inactive 30 calendar days after the holder's separation from the school assignment or the EPP. The unexpired term of an intern certificate may be reactivated if the holder satisfies the requirements specified in this section.
 - (3) Term of an intern certificate. An intern certificate shall be valid for one 12-month period from the date of issuance.
 - (4) Limit on preliminary certifications and permits. Without obtaining standard certification, an individual may not serve for more than three 12-month periods while holding any combination of the following:
 - (A) intern certificates, limited to one 12-month period maximum, as described in this subsection;
 - (B) probationary certificates, limited to two 12-month periods maximum, as specified in §230.37 of this title (relating to Probationary Certificates)
 - (C) emergency permits as specified in Subchapter F of this chapter (relating to Permits); or
 - (D) one-year certificates as specified in 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) and Chapter 245 of this title (relating to Certification of Educators from Other Countries).
 - (5) Reduction in force exception. If an educator is employed under an intern certificate and is terminated or resigns in lieu of termination before the end of the school year due to a reduction in force, that intern term shall not count as one of the three years referenced in paragraph (4) of this subsection.

- (d) Testing requirements for issuance of an intern certificate. Beginning September 1, 2017, a candidate must meet the subject matter knowledge requirements for issuance of an intern certificate to serve an internship in a classroom teacher assignment for each subject area to be taught.
- (1) To meet the subject matter knowledge requirements to be issued an intern certificate for an internship in a classroom teacher assignment on or after September 1, 2017, a candidate must pass all of the appropriate content pedagogy examinations, as prescribed in Subchapter C of this chapter.
 - (2) To meet the subject matter knowledge requirements to be issued an intern certificate for an internship in a career and technical education classroom teacher assignment that is based on skill and experience on or after September 1, 2017, a candidate must satisfy the requirements for that subject area contained in §233.14 of this title (relating to Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area)) and pass the appropriate content pedagogy examination(s), as prescribed in Subchapter C of this chapter.
- (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).
- (f) Intern certificate for intensive pre-service. An intern certificate may be issued to an applicant who is admitted to an EPP intensive pre-service as prescribed in §228.33 of this title (relating to Intensive Pre-Service) on or after January 1, 2020, who:
- (1) obtained a passing score on the aligned pedagogical rubric specified in §228.33 of this title;
 - (2) obtained a passing score, in accordance with §151.1001 of this title (relating to Passing Standards), on the required content certification (subject-matter only) examination and the following additional requirements for special education and bilingual assignments;
 - (A) Special education assignments also require a passing score, in accordance with §151.1001 of this title, on the TExES Special Education Supplemental examination prescribed in §230.21(e) of this title (relating to Educator Assessment); and
 - (B) Bilingual education assignments also require a passing score, in accordance with §151.1001 of this title, on the TExES Bilingual Target Language Proficiency examination or the related language proficiency examination prescribed in §230.21(e) of this title; and
 - (3) met the requirements as prescribed in subsections (a)-(c) of this section.

§230.37. Probationary Certificates.

- (a) General provisions.

- (1) Certificate classes. A probationary certificate may be issued for any class of certificate except educational aide.
- (2) Requirement to hold a probationary certificate. A candidate seeking certification as an educator must hold a probationary certificate while participating in an internship through an approved educator preparation program (EPP).
- (b) Requirements for issuance. A probationary certificate may be issued to a candidate seeking certification as an educator who meets the conditions and requirements prescribed in this subsection.
 - (1) Bachelor's degree. Except as otherwise provided in rules of the State Board for Educator Certification related to certain career and technical education certificates based on skill and experience, the candidate must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education. An individual who has earned a degree outside the United States must provide an original, detailed report or course-by-course evaluation of all college-level credits prepared by a foreign credential evaluation service recognized by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The evaluation must verify that the individual holds, at a minimum, the equivalent of a bachelor's degree issued by an accredited institution of higher education in the United States.
 - (2) General certification requirements. The candidate must meet the general certification requirements prescribed in §230.11 of this title (relating to General Requirements).
 - (3) Fee. The candidate must pay the fee prescribed in §230.101 of this title (relating to Schedule of Fees for Certification Services).
 - (4) Fingerprints. The candidate must submit fingerprints in accordance with §232.35(c) of this title (relating to Submission of Required Information) and the Texas Education Code (TEC), §22.0831.
- (c) Conditions. The validity and effectiveness of a probationary certificate is subject to the following conditions.
 - (1) Internship. The holder of a probationary certificate must be a participant in good standing of an approved Texas EPP, serving in an acceptable, paid internship supervised by the EPP.
 - (2) Inactive status. A probationary certificate will become inactive 30 calendar days after the holder's separation from the school assignment or the EPP. The unexpired term of a probationary certificate may be reactivated if the holder satisfies the program enrollment and school assignment requirements specified in §228.35 of this title (relating to Preparation Program Coursework and/or Training).
 - (3) Term of a probationary certificate. A probationary certificate shall be valid for a 12-month period from the date of issuance.
 - (4) Limit on preliminary certifications and permits. Without obtaining standard certification, an individual may not serve for more than three 12-month periods while holding any combination of the following:
 - (A) intern certificates, limited to one 12-month period maximum, as described in this subsection;
 - (B) probationary certificates, limited to two 12-month periods maximum, as described in this subsection;
 - (C) emergency permits as specified in Subchapter F of this chapter (relating to Permits); or
 - (D) one-year certificates as specified in 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) and Chapter 245 of this title (relating to Certification of Educators from Other Countries).
 - (5) Reduction in force exception. If an educator is employed under a probationary certificate and is terminated or resigns in lieu of termination before the end of the school year due to a reduction in force, that probationary term shall not count as one of the two allowed annual probationary terms.
- (d) Testing requirements for issuance of a probationary certificate.
 - (1) Prior to September 1, 2017, a candidate must meet the subject matter knowledge requirements for issuance of a probationary certificate to serve an internship in a classroom teacher assignment for each subject area to be taught:
 - (A) At the elementary school level, by passing the appropriate content area certification examination(s), as prescribed in Subchapter C of this chapter (relating to Assessment of Educators), appropriate to the grade level and subject matter assignment(s) as prescribed in Chapter 231 of this title (relating to Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments).

- (B) At the middle or high school level:
 - (i) by passing the appropriate content area certification examination(s), as prescribed in Subchapter C of this chapter, appropriate to the grade level and subject matter assignment(s) as prescribed in Chapter 231 of this title; or
 - (ii) by completing coursework that complies with the TEC, §21.050, and comprised of not fewer than 24 semester credit hours, including 12 semester credit hours of upper division coursework in the subject area(s) taught; or
 - (iii) in the case of career and technical education assignments based on skill and experience, by satisfying the requirements for that subject area contained in §233.14 of this title (relating to Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area)).
- (C) A candidate who is the teacher of record in a special education assignment must meet the appropriate subject matter knowledge requirements prescribed in subparagraph (A) and/or (B) of this paragraph and pass the appropriate special education certification examination(s), as prescribed in Subchapter C of this chapter, appropriate to the assignment(s) as prescribed in Chapter 231 of this title. If a candidate has not passed the special education supplemental examination prior to the beginning of an internship, an EPP may permit the internship assignment if:
 - (i) the EPP has developed a plan to address any deficiencies identified through the candidate's previous attempt(s) on the examination; and
 - (ii) the EPP implements the plan during the initial internship. An EPP shall not permit an additional internship if all examinations requirements are not met.
- (D) A candidate who is in a bilingual education and/or English as a Second Language (ESL) assignment must meet the appropriate subject matter knowledge requirements prescribed in subparagraph (A) and/or (B) of this paragraph and pass the appropriate bilingual education and/or ESL certification examination(s), as prescribed in Subchapter C of this chapter, appropriate to the assignment(s) as prescribed in Chapter 231 of this title. If a candidate has not passed the bilingual education supplemental examination, ESL supplemental examination, or the Bilingual Target Language Proficiency test prior to the beginning of an internship, an EPP may permit the internship if:
 - (i) the EPP has developed a plan to address any deficiencies identified through the candidate's previous attempt(s) on the examination(s); and
 - (ii) the EPP implements the plan during the initial internship. An EPP shall not permit an additional internship if all examination requirements are not met.
- (2) Beginning September 1, 2017, a candidate must meet all testing requirements for issuance of a probationary certificate.
 - (A) To meet the subject matter knowledge requirements to be issued a probationary certificate for an internship in a classroom teacher assignment, a candidate must pass the appropriate certification examination(s), including the appropriate pedagogy and professional responsibilities examination, as prescribed in Subchapter C of this chapter.
 - (B) To meet the subject matter knowledge requirements to be issued a probationary certificate for an internship in a career and technical education classroom teacher assignment that is based on skill and experience, a candidate must satisfy the requirements for that subject area contained in §233.14 of this title and pass the appropriate certification examination(s), including the appropriate pedagogy and professional responsibilities examination, as prescribed in Subchapter C of this chapter.
- (e) Probationary certificate in a certification class other than classroom teacher. A probationary certificate may be issued for an assignment as a superintendent, principal, reading specialist, master teacher, school librarian, school counselor, and/or 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 a probationary 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 a probationary 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 category being sought in a Texas school district, open-enrollment charter school, or, pursuant to §228.35 of this title, other school approved by the TEA.
- (3) Effective September 1, 2017, to meet the subject matter requirements for issuance of the probationary certificate in a certification class other than classroom teacher, the individual must pass the appropriate content pedagogy examination(s) for that certificate.
 - (4) The holder of a probationary 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.
- (f) Probationary certificate for intensive pre-service. A probationary certificate may be issued to an applicant who is admitted to an EPP intensive pre-service as prescribed in §228.33 of this title (relating to Intensive Pre-Service) on or after January 1, 2020, who:
 - (1) meets the applicable requirements prescribed in subsections (a)-(c) of this section;
 - (2) has met requirements of §230.36(f) of this title; and
 - (3) has obtained a passing score, in accordance with 19 TAC §151.1001 of this title (relating to Passing Standards), on the required content pedagogy tests prescribed in §230.21(e) of this title (relating to Educator Assessment).

§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.
- (b) The State Board for Educator Certification will issue a visiting international teacher certificate to an individual who meets the conditions and requirements specified in this subsection. The individual must:
 - (1) meet appropriate requirements prescribed in §230.11(b)(1)-(4) of this title (relating to General Requirements);
 - (2) be recommended for certification by a school district participating in a Visiting International Teacher Program;
 - (3) 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) 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) have criminal activity clearance from country of origin;
 - (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 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) 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) 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).

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.41 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(5) and (9); 21.051; and 22.0831(c) and (f).

Source: The provisions of this §230.41 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309; amended to be effective December 23, 2018, 43 TexReg 5470.

Subchapter E. Educational Aide Certificate

§230.51. Policy.

An individual employed in a Texas school district as an educational aide must be certified according to requirements established by the State Board for Educator Certification.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.51 issued under the Texas Education Code, §21.041(a) and (b)(1)-(4).

Source: The provisions of this §230.51 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753.

§230.53. Procedures in General.

- (a) School district administrators have the authority and responsibility to determine the number of educational aides and level of job performance desired for the operation of the school district. The school district administrator is responsible for preparing accurate job descriptions for each assignment, classifying each assignment, and filling these assignments with individuals certified according to this subchapter.
- (b) An appropriate educational aide certificate shall be issued to a qualified individual who is recommended by the employing superintendent or his or her designee and who meets the requirements of this subchapter. The school district shall submit a completed application and recommendation for an educational aide certificate to Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff. The applicant shall pay the designated fee.
- (c) The applicant for an educational aide certificate must be able to communicate, listen, read, write, and comprehend the English language sufficiently to use it easily and readily in daily communication as determined by the employing school district.
- (d) An individual with experience in other states must have that experience verified on a teacher service record when he or she is employed in a Texas school district.
- (e) An applicant for an educational aide certificate is subject to the provisions in §230.11(b)(1)-(4) of this title (relating to General Requirements).
- (f) An individual who holds a valid Texas classroom teaching certificate may serve as an educational aide without obtaining an educational aide certificate.
- (g) An individual seeking a higher level of educational aide certificate must submit a completed online application and payment and be recommended for issuance at the higher level by the employing school district.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.53 issued under the Texas Education Code, §21.041(a) and (b)(1)-(4).

Source: The provisions of this §230.53 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309; amended to be effective December 23, 2018, 43 TexReg 5470.

§230.55. Certification Requirements for Educational Aide I.

An applicant for an educational aide I certificate shall:

- (1) hold a high school diploma, the equivalent of a high school diploma, or higher; and

- (2) have experience working with students or parents as approved by the employing superintendent. Experience may be work in church-related schools, day camps, youth groups, private schools, licensed daycare centers, or similar experience.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.55 issued under the Texas Education Code, §21.041(a) and (b)(1)-(4).

Source: The provisions of this §230.55 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753.

§230.57. Certification Requirements for Educational Aide II.

An applicant for an educational aide II certificate shall:

- (1) hold a high school diploma, the equivalent of a high school diploma, or higher;
- (2) have satisfied one of the following requirements:
 - (A) have two creditable years of experience, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title (relating to Commissioner's Rules on Creditable Years of Service), as an educational aide I;
 - (B) have completed a minimum of 15 semester credit hours of college credit with some emphasis on child growth and development or related subject areas; or
 - (C) have demonstrated proficiency in a specialized skill area as determined by the school district; and
- (3) have experience working with students or parents as approved by the employing superintendent.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.57 issued under the Texas Education Code, §21.041(a) and (b)(1)-(4).

Source: The provisions of this §230.57 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753.

§230.59. Certification Requirements for Educational Aide III.

An applicant for an educational aide III certificate shall:

- (1) hold a high school diploma, the equivalent of a high school diploma, or higher;
- (2) have satisfied one of the following requirements:
 - (A) have three creditable years of experience, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title (relating to Commissioner's Rules on Creditable Years of Service), as either an educational aide I or II; or
 - (B) have completed 30 semester credit hours of college credit with some emphasis on child growth and development or related subject areas; and
- (3) have experience working with students or parents as approved by the employing superintendent.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.59 issued under the Texas Education Code, §21.041(a) and (b)(1)-(4).

Source: The provisions of this §230.59 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753.

§230.61. Role Descriptions.

School districts shall use the following guidelines to assign educational aides.

- (1) Educational Aide I: performs routine tasks under the direction and supervision of a certified teacher or teaching team; releases the teacher from routine tasks and participates in selecting, planning, organizing, and evaluating; helps the teacher with clerical operations; helps the teacher supervise students in routine movement from one recreational activity to another; helps supervise the playground, bus, and lunchroom; helps the teacher prepare and use instructional media; duplicates instructional materials for teachers; performs classroom clerical operations under the

supervision of a certified teacher; or performs equivalent activities determined by the local school district.

- (2) Educational Aide II: performs tasks under the general supervision of a certified teacher or teaching team; releases the teacher from routine tasks and participates in selecting, planning, organizing, and evaluating; helps the teacher prepare and use instructional materials; conducts drills and exercises as directed by the teacher; helps administer and score objective measurement instruments; helps the teacher work with individual students and groups; duplicates materials; records grades and attendance; prepares instructional materials, including displays and mockups; assists with play area activities; helps operate and use educational media; assists with testing routines; works with individual students in drills and exercises; conducts group drills and exercises; assists students with programmed or precise units of instruction; or performs equivalent activities determined by the local school district.
- (3) Educational Aide III: performs and assumes responsibility for tasks under the general guidance of a certified teacher or teaching team; releases the teacher from routine tasks and participates in selecting, planning, organizing, and evaluating; helps the teacher implement methodology and use instructional media to yield an educational environment for all students; assists the teacher with instructional activities; works with individuals or groups of students in a variety of educational experiences; relieves the teacher of selected exercises and instructional drills with students; or performs equivalent activities determined by the local school district.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.61 issued under the Texas Education Code, §21.041(a) and (b)(1)-(4).

Source: The provisions of this §230.61 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753.

§230.63. Validity Period of Educational Aide Certificates.

- (a) Educational aide certificates issued prior to September 1, 2017, are valid for five years and are not eligible for renewal.
- (b) Educational aide certificates issued after August 31, 2017, are valid for two years and are not eligible for renewal.
- (c) Effective September 1, 2017, individuals seeking to transfer from one level of educational aide certificate to another level are not required to renew expired educational aide certificates.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.63 issued under the Texas Education Code, §21.041(a) and (b)(1)-(4).

Source: The provisions of this §230.63 adopted to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

§230.65. Requirements for Reissuance of Educational Aide Certificates.

- (a) Effective September 1, 2017, educational aide certificates will expire at the end of their validity period and are not subject to renewal.
- (b) To be eligible for reissuance of an educational aide certificate following the expiration of an educational aide certificate, a candidate shall submit a new online application and payment and be recommended by the employing school district.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.65 issued under the Texas Education Code, §21.041(a) and (b)(1)-(4).

Source: The provisions of this §230.65 adopted to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

Subchapter F. Permits

§230.71. General Provisions.

- (a) In accordance with the provisions of this subchapter, emergency permits are issued under the authority of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC).
- (b) Effective with the 2017-2018 school year, an emergency permit will limit an individual to one year of service and no renewal will be allowed.
- (c) The one-year limitation on permits referenced in subsection (b) of this section does not apply to individuals serving in the position of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructor or teachers of students with visual impairments. As indicated in §230.77(g)(4)(B) of this title (relating to Specific Requirements for Initial Emergency Permits), emergency permits for JROTC instructors must be reissued every year. Emergency permits for visual impairments referenced in §230.77(f)(2)(B) of this title may be renewed a maximum of two years.
- (d) Under this subchapter, a superintendent or his or her designee who cannot secure an appropriately certified and qualified individual to fill a vacant position may activate an emergency permit for an individual who does not have one of the appropriate credentials required for the assignment as specified in Chapter 231 of this title (relating to Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments). The superintendent or his or her designee must:
 - (1) document locally the efforts the school district or open-enrollment charter school has taken to employ an appropriately certified individual in the position for which an emergency permit is activated;
 - (2) apply for an emergency permit when a vacant position is filled with an uncertified or inappropriately certified individual who will serve as the teacher of record or will serve in the assignment for more than 30 consecutive instructional days. The application must be submitted to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) within 45 instructional days of the date of assignment;
 - (3) verify that the school district or open-enrollment charter school maintains a support system, has assigned a trained mentor, and will provide release time as needed to assist the individual serving on an emergency permit. (A school district shall not be required to provide a mentor for a degreed, certified teacher assigned on an emergency permit if the teacher has one or more creditable years experience within the school district, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title (relating to Commissioner's Rules on Creditable Years of Service)); and
 - (4) verify that the individual for whom the emergency permit is activated has been advised of the SBEC rules regarding permits and permit renewal requirements in this subchapter.
- (e) A certified teacher must consent to the activation of an emergency permit and be advised of the conditions of the emergency permit. A teacher who refuses to consent to activation of an emergency permit may not be terminated or nonrenewed or otherwise retaliated against because of the teacher's refusal to consent to the activation of the emergency permit. However, a teacher's refusal to consent shall not impair a school district's right to implement a necessary reduction in force or other personnel actions in accordance with local school district or open-enrollment charter school policy.
- (f) An emergency permit is authorized for the school district or open-enrollment charter school for a specific assignment and is not the property of the individual for whom the emergency permit was activated.
- (g) If an emergency permit authorized by the SBEC is not used, the school district or open-enrollment charter school shall notify TEA staff by email.
- (h) An emergency permit may be authorized on a hardship basis for an individual who does not meet all emergency permit requirements as listed in §§230.75, 230.77, and 230.81 of this title (relating to General Eligibility Requirements for Emergency Permits, Specific Requirements for Initial Emergency Permits, and Renewal Requirements and Procedures) only if approval has been granted and email notification received from the TEA staff. The school district must:

- (1) document local conditions requiring the assignment of an individual who does not meet emergency permit requirements;
 - (2) verify that the deficiencies for the certificate sought do not exceed 36 semester credit hours; and
 - (3) verify:
 - (A) that the individual will be enrolled in the first available course listed on the certification plan; or
 - (B) registration for the next available administration of the appropriate content specialization portion of the certification examination for an individual who holds a valid Texas classroom teaching certificate and a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education and is placed in an assignment requiring a different classroom teaching certificate.
- (i) The school district is not required to comply with the requirements of this subchapter if an uncertified individual is assigned for a certified teacher that will be absent for more than 30 consecutive instructional days due to documented health related reasons and has expressed the intention to return to the assignment. The school district must comply with the Texas Education Code, §21.057, pertaining to parental notification.
 - (j) Candidates who hold an intern certificate under the provisions of §230.36 of this title (relating to Intern Certificates) or a probationary certificate under the provisions of §230.37 of this title (relating to Probationary Certificates) may be employed on an emergency permit during the validity of the intern certificate or probationary certificate, if the emergency permit is being issued in a certificate area not available through the educator preparation program that provided recommendation for the intern certificate or probationary certificate.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.71 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1), (2), and (4), 21.044(a), and 21.048.

Source: The provisions of this §230.71 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

§230.73. Validity of Emergency Permits.

- (a) The validity date of an emergency permit activated and authorized under this subchapter is specified in §230.97 of this title (relating to Effective Dates of Certificates and Permit Issuance).
- (b) An emergency permit is valid for the remainder of the school year for which it is activated and authorized by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC). The emergency permit must be submitted to the Texas Education Agency staff within 45 instructional days from the date of assignment.
- (c) An emergency permit authorized by the SBEC is valid for service only in the requesting school district and only for the assignments indicated on the emergency permit application.
- (d) Effective with the 2017-2018 school year, the employment of an individual on an emergency permit, with the exception of the assignment as a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructor or a teacher of students with visual impairments, may not exceed one school year in the same assignment.
- (e) Prior to the 2017-2018 school year, the individual may serve in a specific assignment no more than one additional school year beyond the initial emergency permit. To continue beyond the initial emergency permit year, the individual must comply with the renewal provisions specified in §230.81 of this title (relating to Renewal Requirements and Procedures).
- (f) Effective with the 2017-2018 school year, renewal provisions specified in §230.81 of this title will no longer apply for emergency permits, with the exception of teachers of students with visual impairments.
- (g) Effective with the 2017-2018 school year, to continue employment in the assignment beyond the validity of the initial emergency permit, the individual must hold the appropriate certificate, in accordance with Chapter 231 of this title (relating to Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments). An individual

may not serve as a classroom teacher of record in the Texas school district for more than three school years without obtaining initial, standard certification.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.73 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1), (2), and (4), 21.044(a), and 21.048.

Source: The provisions of this §230.73 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

§230.75. General Eligibility Requirements for Emergency Permits.

An individual for whom an emergency permit is activated must meet the following criteria.

- (1) The individual must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education.
 - (A) For a career and technical education assignment requiring certification based on both an associate's or more advanced degree and experience in an occupational area to be taught, such as health science technology education or health science, or a bachelor's degree or higher and experience in the occupational area to be taught such as marketing education, the individual must have completed the degree requirement and have specified work experience.
 - (B) For a trade and industrial education assignment, the individual must have specified work experience in lieu of a bachelor's degree.
- (2) The individual must be at least 18 years of age.
- (3) The individual must be able to communicate and understand the English language sufficiently to use it easily and readily in daily communication and teaching, as specified in §230.11 of this title (relating to General Requirements).
- (4) The individual must be of good moral character. The State Board for Educator Certification may refuse to authorize an emergency permit for an individual, applying the same standards that would be applied to the administrative denial of an applicant for certification under §249.12 of this title (relating to Administrative Denial; Appeal).
- (5) The individual must submit fingerprints in accordance with §232.35(c) of this title (relating to Submission of Required Information) and the Texas Education Code (TEC), §22.0831.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.75 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1), (2), and (4), 21.044(a), and 21.048.

Source: The provisions of this §230.75 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

§230.77. Specific Requirements for Initial Emergency Permits.

- (a) General provisions. An individual for whom an emergency permit is activated must:
 - (1) have completed the appropriate semester credit hours or equivalent contact hours required for the emergency permit sought as specified in this section, or, for a degreed, certified teacher, have passed the appropriate content specialization portions of the appropriate certification examination required for the target certificate; and
 - (2) have satisfied the appropriate experience requirement specified in this section for the emergency permit sought.
- (b) Assignments to elementary grades (Early Childhood-Grade 6) (general education). The individual must have completed 12 semester credit hours in a combination of subjects directly related to the elementary curriculum, 12 semester credit hours in elementary education, or any combination of these areas of study. Subjects related to the elementary curriculum include, but are not limited to, art, English language arts,

health, mathematics, music, physical education, reading, science, social studies, technology applications, and theatre arts.

- (c) Assignments to secondary grades (Grades 7-12) (general education).
- (1) An emergency permit may be activated for an individual not certified at the secondary level provided the individual has completed:
 - (A) 24 semester credit hours in the subject to be taught; or
 - (B) 24 semester credit hours toward a composite teaching field appropriate for the assignment, including at least twelve semester credit hours in the subject to be taught.
 - (2) A Temporary Classroom Assignment Permit (TCAP) may be activated for a teacher certified at the secondary level assigned to a subject area not covered by the certificate. The school district is not required to file the TCAP with the Texas Education Agency staff. The TCAP must be maintained in the school district personnel records.
 - (A) A TCAP must be activated for each class period taught by an individual who is assigned to one or more class periods in an area not covered by the certificate held. The individual must have completed twelve semester credit hours in the specific subject area(s) to be taught. In the case of an assignment in mathematics or science, an individual must have completed fifteen semester hours in the specific subject area(s) to be taught. A TCAP may be activated for no more than four class periods.
 - (B) The TCAP is valid for one school year and is not renewable except in the event that the TCAP was issued for fewer than 90 calendar days before the last day of student instruction in the prior school year.
 - (C) For assignments that exceed four class periods, or for individuals who have not completed the minimum semester credit hours in the subject area(s) to be taught, approval must be granted by the TEA; however, in no event may an individual with six or fewer semester credit hours in the specific subject area to be taught be approved.
- (d) Assignments to all grade levels (Early Childhood-Grade 12) (general education).
- (1) An individual must have completed 24 semester credit hours in the subject area to be taught.
 - (2) This section will apply to all general education subject areas that are available as Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificates.
- (e) Assignments to career and technical education programs.
- (1) Agriculture, food, and natural resources assignments. An individual must:
 - (A) hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education; and
 - (B) have completed 24 semester credit hours in agriculture, food, and natural resources coursework.
 - (2) Health science assignments. An individual must:
 - (A) hold an associate's degree or more advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher education;
 - (B) be currently licensed, certified, or registered (requiring two years of college education) by a state-authorized or nationally recognized accrediting agency as a professional practitioner in one or more health occupations for which instruction is offered; and
 - (C) have an approved statement of qualifications verifying two years of full-time employment in an accredited health care facility or agency while holding the license specified in §233.14 of this title (relating to Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area)).
 - (3) Family and consumer sciences assignments. An individual must:

- (A) hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education; and
 - (B) have completed 24 semester credit hours in family and consumer sciences coursework.
- (4) Marketing assignments. An individual must:
- (A) hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education;
 - (B) have completed 24 semester credit hours in marketing coursework; and
 - (C) have an approved statement of qualifications verifying two years of full-time wage-earning experience in marketing occupations for which training is offered at the secondary level.
- (5) Business and finance assignments. An individual must:
- (A) hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education; and
 - (B) have completed 24 semester credit hours in business and finance coursework.
- (6) Trade and industrial education assignments.
- (A) Option I. An individual must:
 - (i) hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education; and
 - (ii) have an approved statement of qualifications verifying two years of full-time wage-earning experience earned within the past ten years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. Up to 18 months of the wage-earning experience can be met through a formal documented internship.
 - (B) Option II. An individual must:
 - (i) hold an associate's degree from an accredited institution of higher education; and
 - (ii) have an approved statement of qualifications verifying two years of full-time wage-earning experience earned within the past ten years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered.
 - (C) Option III. An individual must:
 - (i) hold a high school diploma, the equivalent of a high school diploma, or higher; and
 - (ii) have an approved statement of qualifications verifying five years of full-time wage-earning experience earned within the past eight years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered.
 - (D) Additional requirements.
 - (i) An individual must hold a current licensure, certification, or registration by a state-authorized or nationally recognized accrediting agency as a professional practitioner in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. Licensure, certification, or registration by a state-authorized or nationally recognized accrediting agency must be based on a recognized test or measurement or on passing the appropriate National Occupational Competency Testing (NOCTI) assessment.
 - (ii) A cosmetology teacher must:
 - (I) have three years of full-time wage-earning experience as a licensed cosmetologist; and
 - (II) currently be licensed as a cosmetology instructor by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

- (iv) have verified that the employing school district, cooperative, or education service center (ESC) has one or more fully certified teachers for students with auditory impairments available as a mentor and to provide support.
- (B) Visual impairments. An individual must:
 - (i) hold a valid Texas classroom teaching certificate based on a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education;
 - (ii) have satisfied the following requirements:
 - (I) have completed six semester credit hours directly related to teaching students with visual impairments; and
 - (II) have one creditable year of classroom teaching experience, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title;
 - (iii) have demonstrated competency in literary Braille and basic Nemeth Code by passing the approved Braille examination, holding certification as a literary Braille transcriber by the Library of Congress, or completing one university course in Braille; and
 - (iv) have verified that the employing school district, cooperative, or ESC has one or more fully certified teachers of students with visual impairments available as a mentor and to provide support.
- (C) Home-based instruction or instruction in a hospital class. An individual must:
 - (i) be currently certified based on a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education; and
 - (ii) have one creditable year of teaching experience, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title.
- (D) Special education (Early Childhood-Grade 12).
 - (i) An individual who holds a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education and is certified at the appropriate grade level must:
 - (I) have completed six semester credit hours directly related to teaching children with special learning needs; or
 - (II) have one creditable year of classroom teaching experience, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title.
 - (ii) An individual who holds a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education, but is not certified must:
 - (I) for elementary assignments (Early Childhood-Grade 6), meet requirements for the level of assignment as stated in subsection (b) of this section and have completed 18 semester credit hours directly related to teaching children with special learning needs; or
 - (II) for secondary assignments (Grades 7-12), have completed 24 semester credit hours directly related to teaching children with special learning needs.
- (g) Assignments for other instructional and support personnel.
 - (1) School counselor (Early Childhood-Grade 12). An individual must:
 - (A) hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education;
 - (B) have completed 24 semester credit hours of graduate-level credit, including 12 semester credit hours in guidance and counseling; and

- (C) have two creditable years of classroom teaching experience, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title.
- (2) Educational diagnostician (Early Childhood-Grade 12). An individual must:
 - (A) hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education;
 - (B) have completed 30 semester credit hours of graduate-level credit in the field of education or a related field, including six semester credit hours in tests and measurements, at least three semester credit hours of which emphasized individualized testing;
 - (C) have completed six semester credit hours directly related to teaching individuals with special learning needs; and
 - (D) have two creditable years of classroom teaching experience, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title.
- (3) School librarian (Early Childhood-Grade 12). An individual must:
 - (A) hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education;
 - (B) have completed 12 semester credit hours directly related to the basic competencies required of school librarians; and
 - (C) have two creditable years of classroom teaching experience, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title.
- (4) Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructor.
 - (A) An individual must verify that he or she has satisfied the requirements and been approved to serve by the appropriate military branch.
 - (B) A JROTC instructor permit may not be renewed, but must be reissued every year.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.77 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1), (2), and (4), 21.044(a), and 21.048.

Source: The provisions of this §230.77 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

§230.79. Procedures for Activation of Initial Emergency Permits.

- (a) For all assignments (except career and technical education assignments based on skill and experience). The employing superintendent or his or her designee or authorized representative must verify the individual's eligibility for the emergency permit as described in §230.75 of this title (relating to General Eligibility Requirements for Emergency Permits) and §230.77 of this title (relating to Specific Requirements for Initial Emergency Permits) and submit online to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff the following information within 45 instructional days of assignment:
 - (1) a completed online emergency permit application;
 - (2) one of the following:
 - (A) a certification plan from an approved Texas educator preparation program (EPP) verifying that the individual meets the grade point average requirement for admission to the EPP and a listing of the preparation, student teaching/internship, and/or assessment activities required to obtain certification in the assignment for which the emergency permit application has been submitted; or
 - (B) verification of registration for the next available and practicable administration of the appropriate content area certification examination(s) for an individual who:
 - (i) holds a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education;
 - (ii) is already certified in another classroom teaching content area; and

- (iii) is placed in an assignment requiring a different classroom teaching certificate; and
- (3) the appropriate fee (payable by the school district).
- (b) For career and technical education assignments based on skill and experience. The employing superintendent or his or her designee or authorized representative must verify the individual's eligibility for the emergency permit as described in §230.75 and §230.77 of this title and submit online to the TEA staff the following information within 45 instructional days of assignment:
 - (1) a completed online emergency permit application;
 - (2) a copy of the individual's statement of qualifications, approved by the certification officer of a Texas EPP approved to prepare career and technical education teachers, verifying appropriate work experience in the occupation or trade area to be taught as specified in §233.14 of this title (relating to Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area));
 - (3) acceptable license, registration, or certification by a state-authorized or nationally recognized agency in an occupational area appropriate for the assignment;
 - (4) a certification plan from an approved Texas EPP for the career and technical education certificate appropriate for the assignment; and
 - (5) the appropriate fee (payable by the school district).

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.79 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1), (2), and (4), 21.044(a), and 21.048.

Source: The provisions of this §230.79 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

§230.81. Renewal Requirements and Procedures.

General provisions.

- (1) The employing superintendent or his or her designee or authorized representative of a school district may renew an emergency permit for the same assignment in the same school district for which the initial emergency permit was activated.
- (2) No individual may continue in the same assignment for more than one school year of service on an emergency permit, except as provided in paragraph (4) of this section.
- (3) The total of semester credit hours or the equivalent contact hours required to obtain certification appropriate for the assignment shall determine the number of emergency permit renewals for which the individual may be eligible. The following schedule shall determine eligibility for emergency permit renewal.
 - (A) For six semester credit hours or less plus appropriate examination requirements, an individual is not eligible for renewal.
 - (B) For seven semester credit hours or more plus appropriate examination requirements, an individual is eligible for one renewal.
- (4) Effective with the 1998-1999 school year, emergency permits used fewer than 90 calendar days may be renewed for one additional year of service, if needed.
- (5) The superintendent or his or her designee or authorized representative may renew an emergency permit provided the following requirements and procedures are met.
 - (A) The emergency permit must be renewed for the same assignment in the same school district.

- (B) Official transcripts verifying completion of a minimum of six semester credit hours or documentation of completion of equivalent contact hours toward the appropriate target certificate must be placed in the individual's personnel file.
- (C) If the individual has not completed permit renewal requirements as indicated in paragraph (3) of this section, the superintendent or his or her designee must obtain hardship approval from the Texas Education Agency prior to continuation of the assignment.
- (D) The appropriate renewal of the emergency permit application must be completed online prior to the beginning date of duties for the current school year.
- (E) The school district shall pay the appropriate fee.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.81 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1), (2), and (4), 21.044(a), and 21.048.

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§230.83. Nonrenewable Permits.

- (a) The superintendent or his or her designee of a school district may activate a nonrenewable permit for an individual who has not completed the appropriate examination requirements specified in §230.21 of this title (relating to Educator Assessment).
- (b) A nonrenewable permit may be activated for an individual in one or more of the following categories:
 - (1) an individual who has completed all course and degree requirements of a Texas educator preparation program specified in this chapter except for successful completion of all appropriate examination requirements. Nonrenewable permits activated for individuals in this category expire 12 months from the date of activation; or
 - (2) an individual who holds a Texas teacher certificate with an effective date before February 1, 1986, but has not revalidated the certificate for employment purposes by passing an examination specified in this chapter. The individual must not have been employed in a Texas school district since the start of the 1985-1986 school year. A nonrenewable permit activated for an individual in this category expires six months from the date of activation or at the end of the school year, whichever is less; or
- (c) A nonrenewable permit may not be activated for an individual in the same assignment area for which another permit had previously been authorized.
- (d) The employing superintendent or his or her designee or authorized representative must verify that an individual is eligible for the permit under this section and submit the following information within 45 calendar days of assignment:
 - (1) an application for a nonrenewable permit completed before the effective date of the assignment; and
 - (2) the appropriate fee (payable by the school district).

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.83 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1), (2), and (4), 21.044(a), and 21.048.

Source: The provisions of this §230.83 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

§230.85. Emergency Certificates.

The permits contained in this subchapter fulfill the provision stated in the Texas Education Code, §21.041(b)(2), concerning emergency certificates.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.85 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1), (2), and (4), 21.044(a), 21.045, and 21.048.

Source: The provisions of this §230.85 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753.

Subchapter G. Certificate Issuance Procedures

§230.91. Procedures in General.

- (a) The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC), in compliance with SBEC rules, shall issue appropriate certificates to qualified individuals who meet all requirements.
 - (1) The certificate shall identify the name of the holder, the class, grade levels, subject areas, and validity periods of all certificates issued, and reflect, if applicable, disciplinary history taken by the SBEC.
 - (2) A certificate that is issued shall be maintained in a printable format on the Texas Education Agency (TEA) website on behalf of the SBEC.
- (b) Permanent records of all certificates, permits, and supporting documentation shall be maintained by the TEA staff.
- (c) An applicant for or holder of an educator's certificate shall be responsible for maintaining his or her educator profile with current mailing and email addresses. The applicant for or holder of an educator's certificate must update his or her educator profile within 45 calendar days of the effective date of such change, unless another rule under this title requires earlier notification.
- (d) The representation of an individual's certificate status as maintained on the TEA website is considered to be the official record of educator certification. This electronic representation of the certificate satisfies Texas Education Code, §21.053(a), which requires individuals to present their certificate prior to employment by a school district.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.91 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a); 21.041(b)(1)-(5) and (9) and (c); 21.044(a), (e) and (f); 21.048; 21.0485; 21.050; 21.054(a); 22.082; and 22.0831(f) and Texas Occupations Code, §53.105.

Source: The provisions of this §230.91 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

§230.93. Candidates of Approved Educator Preparation Programs.

An appropriate certificate may be issued to a candidate who completes all requirements of a State Board for Educator Certification-approved educator preparation program (EPP). The candidate must complete the appropriate application and pay the designated fee. The certification officer representing the approved EPP shall submit to the Texas Education Agency staff a recommendation for the issuance of the appropriate certificate, not earlier than the date on which all requirements were completed, and by the recommendation deadlines for issuance of the certificate.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.93 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a); 21.041(b)(1)-(5) and (9) and (c); 21.044(a), (e) and (f); 21.048; 21.0485; 21.050; 21.054(a); 22.082; and 22.0831(f) and Texas Occupations Code, §53.105.

Source: The provisions of this §230.93 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

§230.97. Effective Dates of Certificates and Permit Issuance.

- (a) Issuance date of a certificate.
 - (1) The date of issuance shall not precede the date all certification requirements are completed.
 - (2) The issuance date of a certificate recommended by an approved educator preparation program (EPP) shall be the date the recommending EPP verifies that the applicant has satisfied all certification requirements.

- (3) A certificate shall not become effective more than 60 calendar days before the Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff receives the application and may not precede the date all certification, degree, and examination requirements are completed.
 - (4) A certificate shall be valid for the entire month in which it is issued.
- (b) Effective date of a permit.
- (1) A permit shall become effective on the date of the assignment, provided the TEA staff receives the application within 60 calendar days of the date of the assignment.
 - (2) If the permit application is completed and signed by the applicant and superintendent or his or her designee on the date teaching duties begin, the application may be kept in the school district's files until all materials for submission are acquired. A permit held by a school district shall not become effective more than 60 calendar days before the TEA staff receives the application.
 - (3) The school district shall be notified regarding eligibility for the permit. Coverage will not be provided to the school district for the employment of an individual who is ineligible for the permit requested.
- (c) Authority to alter dating procedures. A certificate or permit may become effective more than 60 calendar days before the TEA staff receives an application if the appropriate official or authority documents his or her responsibility for the delay. A fee equal to the fee for the original certificate or permit may be assessed for altering the effective date of a certificate or permit, provided sufficient justification for the correction is provided.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.97 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a); 21.041(b)(1)-(5) and (9) and (c); 21.044(a), (e) and (f); 21.048; 21.0485; 21.050; 21.054(a); 22.082; and 22.0831(f) and Texas Occupations Code, §53.105.

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§230.99. Fees for Certification Services.

- (a) The fees for certification services shall be based on a study conducted periodically by the State Board for Educator Certification of the actual costs of the services.
- (b) The fees for authorizing a permit shall be paid by the requesting school district.
- (c) The certificate of an applicant who does not pay the applicable certification fee, either by failing to remit full payment or by sending a check that is dishonored, shall be placed on inactive status if the applicant does not pay the full certification fee and any related processing fees within 60 calendar days from the date the notice of payment deficiency is sent to the applicant. The inactive status of a certificate will render the certificate holder ineligible for employment in a Texas school district. A certificate placed on inactive status in accordance with the provisions of this subsection will be returned to active status upon receipt of full payment of all applicable fees, unless the term of the certificate has already expired.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.99 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1)-(5) and (9) and (c), 21.048, 21.0485, 21.050, 21.054(a), 22.082, and 22.0831(f), and Texas Occupations Code, §53.105.

Source: The provisions of this §230.99 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753.

§230.101. Schedule of Fees for Certification Services.

- (a) An applicant for a certificate or a school district requesting a permit shall pay the applicable fee from the following list.
 - (1) Educational aide certificate:
 - (A) prior to September 1, 2017--\$30; and
 - (B) after August 31, 2017--\$15.

- (2) Standard certificate--\$75.
 - (3) Probationary or intern certificate:
 - (A) prior to September 1, 2017--\$50; and
 - (B) after August 31, 2017--\$75.
 - (4) Addition of certification based on completion of appropriate examination--\$75.
 - (5) Review of a credential issued by a jurisdiction other than Texas (nonrefundable):
 - (A) prior to September 1, 2016--\$175; and
 - (B) after August 31, 2016--\$160.
 - (6) One-year certificate based on a credential issued by a jurisdiction other than Texas--\$50.
 - (7) Emergency permit (nonrefundable)--\$55.
 - (8) National criminal history check (nonrefundable)--The fee, posted on the Texas Education Agency website, shall include a \$10 criminal history review fee in addition to the current cost of fingerprint scanning, processing, and obtaining national criminal history record information from the Texas Department of Public Safety, its contractors, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The same fee will be paid by current certified educators who are subject to a national criminal history check pursuant to the Texas Education Code, §§22.082, 22.0831, and 22.0836.
 - (9) Review of the superintendent application for the substitution of managerial experience for the principal certificate requirement (nonrefundable)--\$160.
 - (10) On-time renewal of educational aide certificate:
 - (A) prior to September 1, 2017--\$10; and
 - (B) after August 31, 2017--no charge.
 - (11) Additional fee for late renewal of educational aide certificate:
 - (A) prior to September 1, 2017--\$5; and
 - (B) after August 31, 2017--no charge.
 - (12) Reactivation of an inactive educational aide certificate--\$15.
 - (13) Reinstatement following restitution of child support or student loan repayment for educational aide certificate--\$20.
 - (14) On-time renewal of a standard certificate--\$20.
 - (15) Additional fee for late renewal of a standard certificate--\$10.
 - (16) Reactivation of an inactive standard certificate--\$40; except for an inactivation pursuant to §232.9 of this title (relating to Inactive Status and Late Renewal).
 - (17) Reinstatement following restitution of child support or student loan repayment--\$50.
 - (18) Visiting international teacher certificate--\$75.
 - (19) Request for preliminary criminal history evaluation (nonrefundable)--\$50.
- (b) The fee for correcting a certificate or permit when the error is not made by the Texas Education Agency shall be equal to the fee for the original certificate or permit.
- (c) An individual registering to take certification tests shall pay the applicable fee(s) from the following list of categories:
- (1) Selected Response-Only Assessments--\$116.
 - (2) Single Subject Area Tests (801-809)--\$58.

- (3) Enhanced Selected-Response/Constructed-Response Assessments for Tests (801-809)--\$70.
 - (4) Enhanced Selected-Response/Constructed-Response Assessments--\$136.
 - (5) Enhanced Selected-Response/Constructed-Response Administrator and Student Services Assessments--\$200.
 - (6) Performance-Based Assessments for teachers--\$311.
 - (7) Performance-Based Assessments for teachers, retake per task--\$111.
- (d) An individual registering to take a content certification examination prior to admission to an EPP shall pay the applicable fee(s) from the following list of categories:
- (1) Content Certification Examinations except American Sign Language (ASL)--\$106.
 - (2) Essential Academic Skills Sub-Tests Retake (701-703)--\$56.
 - (3) Content Certification Examinations for ASL Sub-Tests (784-785)--\$56.

§230.103. E-Pay Supplemental Fee.

An applicant for a certificate or a school district requesting a permit shall pay a supplemental fee in addition to the fees outlined in §230.101 of this title (relating to Schedule of Fees for Certification Services), for the purpose of recovering the costs of the state electronic Internet portal.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.103 issued under the Texas Education Code, §21.041(c) and (d); Texas Government Code, §2054.111 and §2054.252; and Texas Occupations Code, §53.105.

Source: The provisions of this §230.103 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective September 1, 2015, 40 TexReg 5151.

§230.104. Correcting a Certificate or Permit Issued in Error.

If a certificate or permit is issued with an incorrect grade level, subject area, or effective date, the recommending entity may request a correction of the certificate or permit by submitting a written request to Texas Education Agency staff and a fee equivalent to the fee for the original certificate or permit. The entity must provide sufficient justification for the correction.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.104 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a); 21.041(b)(1)-(5) and (9) and (c); 21.044(a), (e) and (f); 21.048; 21.0485; 21.050; 21.054(a); 22.082; and 22.0831(f) and Texas Occupations Code, §53.105.

Source: The provisions of this §230.104 adopted to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

§230.105. Issuance of Additional Certificates Based on Examination.

A teacher who holds a valid provisional, professional, or standard classroom teaching certificate or a valid temporary classroom teaching certificate issued under the provisions of 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), or Chapter 245 of this title (relating to Certification of Educators from Other Countries), and a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education may qualify for an additional teaching field or certification to teach at another level by passing the appropriate certification examination(s) for that subject. The teacher must submit the application to add certification based on an examination during the time the certificate is allowed to be issued by the State Board for Educator Certification. The application for the additional certification must be submitted during the validity period of the appropriate Texas classroom teaching certificate. If a teacher holds multiple teaching certificates, all teaching certificates must be active before adding certification by examination. The rule shall not be used to qualify a classroom teacher for:

- (1) initial certification;
- (2) the Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments Supplemental: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate;

- (3) another class of certificate, as listed in Subchapter D of this chapter (relating to Types and Classes of Certificates Issued); or
- (4) certification for which no certification examination has been developed.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.105 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a); 21.041(b)(1)-(5) and (9) and (c); 21.044(a), (e) and (f); 21.048; 21.0485; 21.050; 21.054(a); 22.082; and 22.0831(f) and Texas Occupations Code, §53.105.

Source: The provisions of this §230.105 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

§230.107. Requests to Relinquish a Texas Certificate.

An individual who holds a valid provisional, professional, or standard certificate issued under the provisions of this chapter may request removal of a certificate area(s) he or she no longer wishes to hold.

- (1) The request to relinquish a certificate must be:
 - (A) submitted by the certificate holder in writing by mail, personal delivery, facsimile, email, or an electronic notification;
 - (B) identify the specific certificate area(s) to be removed from the official record of certification; and
 - (C) include a statement acknowledging his or her understanding that once the certificate area(s) have been removed, they cannot be reinstated.
- (2) Certificate holders currently under investigation for a "Priority 1" offense as defined in Chapter 249 of this title (relating to Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases) are not eligible to relinquish a Texas certificate(s) under provisions of this subchapter and may not unilaterally surrender a certificate without written consent of a Texas Education Agency staff member authorized by the associate commissioner to execute settlements as designated by the State Board for Educator Certification.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.107 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.031(a); 21.041(b)(1)-(5) and (9) and (c); 21.044(a), (e) and (f); 21.048; 21.0485; 21.050; 21.054(a); 22.082; and 22.0831(f) and Texas Occupations Code, §53.105.

Source: The provisions of this §230.107 adopted to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309.

Subchapter H. Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States

§230.111. General Provisions.

- (a) A Texas educator certificate may be issued to an individual who holds a college degree and an acceptable certificate or credential issued by the authorized licensing agency in another state or territory of the United States and who meets appropriate requirements specified in §230.11 of this title (relating to General Requirements) and elsewhere in this subchapter.
- (b) The degree held by an applicant from another state or territory of the United States must be equivalent to at least a bachelor's degree or higher issued by an accredited institution of higher education.
- (c) The certificate or other credential issued by the authorized licensing agency in another state or territory of the United States may not be a temporary permit, a credential issued by a city or school district, or a certificate for which academic or other program deficiencies are indicated. Specific examination or renewal requirements shall not be considered academic deficiencies.
- (d) A statement, approval letter, or certification entitlement card issued by the authorized licensing agency in another state or territory of the United States specifying eligibility for full certification upon employment or completion of specified examination requirements shall have the same standing as a certificate.

- (e) The certificate and areas of certification issued by the authorized licensing agency in another state or territory of the United States must be equivalent to a certificate or grade level that is within the early childhood-Grade 12 level and approved by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC). Based on the certificates submitted with the application for review of credentials, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff shall identify the certification areas for which the applicant qualifies in Texas. The certificate(s) for which the applicant qualifies may be issued by the TEA staff under the authority of the SBEC.
- (f) If a Texas examination or certification is scheduled to be eliminated, an individual requesting certification and examination comparability must ensure that the application and all review documentation, including examination scores, are received by TEA staff 60 calendar days before the application submission deadline for the examination and/or certification sought.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.111 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.040(6); 21.041(b)(4) and (5) and (c); 21.048; 21.050; 21.052; and 21.054(a).

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§230.113. Requirements for Texas Certificates Based on Certification from Other States or Territories of the United States.

- (a) An applicant for a standard Texas certificate based on a certificate issued in accordance with §230.111 of this title (relating to General Provisions) must:
 - (1) pass the appropriate examination requirements prescribed in the Texas Education Code (TEC), §21.048(a), and §230.21 of this title (relating to Educator Assessment);
 - (2) achieve an acceptable level of performance on an examination(s) that has been determined to be similar to and at least as rigorous as that prescribed in the TEC, §21.048(a), and §230.21 of this title that was administered to the applicant under the authority of another state or territory of the United States. The applicant shall verify in a manner determined by the Texas Education Agency staff the level of performance on acceptable examinations administered under the authority of another state or territory of the United States; or
 - (3) qualify for an exemption from required Texas examinations through provisions in §152.1001 of this title (relating to Exceptions to Examination Requirements for Individuals Certified Outside the State).
- (b) If all certification requirements are met except the appropriate examination requirements, the applicant may request issuance of a one-year certificate in one or more certification areas authorized on the out-of-state certificate. An applicant who holds only a student services, principal, or superintendent certificate issued in accordance with Chapter 239 of this title (relating to Student Services Certificates), with the exception of Subchapter E (relating to Master Teacher Certificate); Chapter 241 of this title (relating to Principal Certificate); or Chapter 242 of this title (relating to Superintendent Certificate) may be issued the equivalent Texas certificate. The applicant must verify two creditable years of service in an Early Childhood-Grade 12 public or accredited private school in the specific student services or administrative area sought.
- (c) After satisfying all requirements, including all appropriate examination requirements, the applicant is eligible to receive the appropriate standard certificate issued under Subchapter D of this chapter (relating to Types and Classes of Certificates Issued).
- (d) An applicant issued a one-year certificate under this section who does not complete the appropriate examination requirements to establish eligibility for a standard certificate during the validity of the one-year certificate, is not eligible for any type of certificate or permit authorizing employment for the same certificate until he or she has satisfied the appropriate examination requirements. If examination requirements are not met during the validity period of the one-year certificate due to circumstances beyond the control of the educator, the employing school district may request an extension not to exceed one calendar year in length.

- (e) An applicant shall not be required to complete the content specialization portion of the certification examination in a certification area for which he or she does not seek standard certification unless the examination is required to establish a base classroom teaching certificate. A supplemental certificate, as described in Chapter 233 of this title (relating to Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates), may not be issued as a standard certificate unless the educator has established a classroom teaching certificate.
- (f) An applicant issued a one-year certificate under this section who, during or subsequent to the validity of the certificate, establishes eligibility for a standard certificate may apply for:
 - (1) a new one-year certificate in another certification area based on an acceptable certificate from another state or territory of the United States; or
 - (2) a second one-year certificate in an area previously authorized on a one-year certificate provided the applicant was not assigned to the area and has not attempted the appropriate examination requirements for that area.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.113 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.040(6); 21.041(b)(4) and (5) and (c); 21.048; 21.050; 21.052; and 21.054(a).

Source: The provisions of this §230.113 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10309; amended to be effective December 23, 2018, 43 TexReg 5470.

§230.115. Requests for Evaluation of College Credentials.

- (a) A request to evaluate an applicant's credentials for areas of certification that are not identified on the certificate issued in accordance with §230.111 of this title (relating to General Provisions) must be directed to an approved Texas educator preparation program (EPP). The appropriate Texas certificate will be issued upon recommendation by the EPP.
- (b) An individual who does not hold a certificate issued in accordance with §230.111 of this title must have his or her credentials evaluated through an approved Texas EPP and be recommended by the EPP for certification.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.115 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.040(6), 21.041(b)(4) and (5) and (c), 21.048, 21.050, 21.052, and 21.054(a).

Source: The provisions of this §230.115 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753.

§230.117. Application Procedures.

- (a) An individual who meets the requirements of this subchapter may apply for a review of his or her credentials and issuance of the appropriate Texas certificate according to procedures approved by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff. A review of credentials and payment of related fees are required for all applicants. The review of credentials will only be valid for the standards existing at the time of the review.
- (b) An individual who does not submit all required documents for the review at the time of the application will have one year to submit all required documents or the individual will be required to reapply and resubmit the application fee.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §230.117 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.040(6), 21.041(b)(4) and (5) and (c), 21.048, 21.050, 21.052, and 21.054(a).

Source: The provisions of this §230.117 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5753.

**Figure: 19 TAC §230.11(b)(5)(C)
Countries in which English is the Official Language**

The countries listed below have been approved by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) to satisfy the English language proficiency requirement specified in 19 TAC §230.11(b)(5)(C). To be exempted from the Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based Test (TOEFL iBT) testing requirement specified in 19 TAC §230.11(b)(5)(B), a certification candidate must have earned an undergraduate or graduate degree from an institution of higher education on the SBEC-approved list of countries.

American Samoa	Gibraltar
Anguilla	Grand Cayman
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada
Australia	Guyana
Bahamas	Jamaica
Barbados	Liberia
Belize	Nigeria
Bermuda	Saint Kitts and Nevis
British Virgin Islands	Saint Lucia
Cayman Islands	Trinidad/Tobago
Canada (except Quebec)	Turks and Caicos
Dominica	United Kingdom
Gambia	U.S. Pacific Trust

Figure: 19 TAC §230.21(e)

Certificate TAC Reference	Certificate Name	Required Content Pedagogy Test(s)	Pedagogical Requirement(s)
Art			
§233.10	Art: Early Childhood-Grade 12	178 Art EC-12 Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES)	160 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) EC-12 TExES or 2015 edTPA: Visual Arts (pilot exam)
Bilingual Education			
§233.6	Bilingual Education Supplemental: Spanish	164 Bilingual Education Supplemental TExES and 190 Bilingual Target Language Proficiency (BTLPT) – Spanish TExES	Not Applicable: Not a Stand-alone Certificate
§233.6	Bilingual Education Supplemental: American Sign Language	164 Bilingual Education Supplemental TExES and 184 American Sign Language (ASL) EC-12 TExES and 073 Texas Assessment of Sign Communications- American Sign Language (TASC-ASL)	Not Applicable: Not a Stand-alone Certificate
§233.6	Bilingual Education Supplemental: Arabic	164 Bilingual Education Supplemental TExES and American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) 614 Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) – Arabic and 615 Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) – Arabic	Not Applicable: Not a Stand-alone Certificate
§233.6	Bilingual Education Supplemental: Chinese	164 Bilingual Education Supplemental TExES and ACTFL 618 OPI – Chinese (Mandarin) and 619 WPT – Chinese (Mandarin)	Not Applicable: Not a Stand-alone Certificate

Certificate TAC Reference	Certificate Name	Required Content Pedagogy Test(s)	Pedagogical Requirement(s)
Bilingual Education (continued)			
§233.6	Bilingual Education Supplemental: Japanese	164 Bilingual Education Supplemental TExES and ACTFL 616 OPI – Japanese and 617 WPT – Japanese	Not Applicable: Not a Stand-alone Certificate
§233.6	Bilingual Education Supplemental: Vietnamese	164 Bilingual Education Supplemental TExES and ACTFL 620 OPI – Vietnamese and 621 WPT – Vietnamese	Not Applicable: Not a Stand-alone Certificate
Career and Technical Education			
§233.13	Technology Education: Grades 6-12	171 Technology Education 6-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2143 edTPA: Technology and Engineering Education (pilot exam)
§233.13	Family and Consumer Sciences, Composite: Grades 6-12	American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) 200 Family and Consumer Sciences – Composite Examination	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2117 edTPA: Family and Consumer Sciences (pilot exam)
§233.13	Human Development and Family Studies: Grades 8-12	AAFCS 202 Human Development and Family Studies Concentration Examination	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2117 edTPA: Family and Consumer Sciences (pilot exam)
§233.13	Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Sciences: Grades 8-12	AAFCS 201 Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Science Concentration Examination	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2117 edTPA: Family and Consumer Sciences (pilot exam)
§233.13	Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources: Grades 6-12	272 Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources 6-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2100 edTPA: Agricultural Education (pilot exam)
§233.13	Business and Finance: Grades 6-12	276 Business and Finance 6-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2102 edTPA: Business Education (pilot exam)
§233.14	Marketing: Grades 6-12	275 Marketing 6-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2102 edTPA: Business Education (pilot exam)
§233.14	Health Science: Grades 6-12	273 Health Science 6-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES

Certificate TAC Reference	Certificate Name	Required Content Pedagogy Test(s)	Pedagogical Requirement(s)
Career and Technical Education (continued)			
§233.14	Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12	Not Applicable	270 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities for Trade and Industrial Education 6-12 TExES
Computer Science and Technology Applications			
§233.5	Computer Science: Grades 8-12	241 Computer Science 8-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2143 edTPA: Technology and Engineering Education (pilot exam)
§233.5	Technology Applications: Early Childhood-Grade 12	242 Technology Applications EC-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2108 edTPA: Educational Technology Specialist (pilot exam)
Core Subjects			
§233.2	Core Subjects: Early Childhood-Grade 6	291 Core Subjects EC-6 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2110 edTPA: Elementary Education: Literacy with Mathematics Task 4 (pilot exam)
§233.2	Core Subjects: Grades 4-8	211 Core Subjects 4-8 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2016 edTPA: Middle Childhood Mathematics (pilot exam) or 2017 edTPA: Middle Childhood Science (pilot exam) or 2018 edTPA: Middle Childhood English-Language Arts (pilot exam) or 2019 edTPA: Middle Childhood History/Social Studies (pilot exam)
Counselor			
§239.20	School Counselor: Early Childhood-Grade 12	152 School Counselor EC-12 TExES	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate

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Dance			
§233.10	Dance: Grades 6-12	279 Dance 6-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2021 edTPA: K-12 Performing Arts (pilot exam)
Educational Diagnostician			
§239.84	Educational Diagnostician: Early Childhood-Grade 12	153 Educational Diagnostician EC-12 TExES	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate
English Language Arts and Reading			
§233.3	English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8	117 English Language Arts and Reading 4-8 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2018 edTPA: Middle Childhood English-Language Arts (pilot exam)
§233.3	English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 7-12	231 English Language Arts and Reading 7-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2003 edTPA: Secondary English-Language Arts (pilot exam)
§233.3	English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies: Grades 4-8	113 English Language Arts and Reading/ Social Studies 4-8 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2018 edTPA: Middle Childhood English-Language Arts (pilot exam) or 2019 edTPA: Middle Childhood History/Social Studies (pilot exam)
§239.93	Reading Specialist: Early Childhood-Grade 12	151 Reading Specialist EC-12 TExES	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate
English as a Second Language			
§233.7	English as a Second Language Supplemental	154 English as a Second Language Supplemental TExES	Not Applicable: Not a Stand-alone Certificate
Gifted and Talented			
§233.9	Gifted and Talented Supplemental	162 Gifted and Talented TExES	Not Applicable: Not a Stand-alone Certificate
Health			
§233.11	Health: Early Childhood-Grade 12	157 Health Education EC-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2119 edTPA: Health Education (pilot exam)

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Journalism			
§233.3	Journalism: Grades 7-12	256 Journalism 7-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2003 edTPA: Secondary English-Language Arts (pilot exam)
Junior Reserve Officer Training			
§233.17	Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps: Grades 6-12	Not Applicable	160 PPR EC-12 TExES
Languages Other Than English			
§233.15	American Sign Language: Early Childhood-Grade 12	184 ASL EC-12 TExES and 073 TASC-ASL	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2020 edTPA: World Language (pilot exam)
§233.15	Arabic: Early Childhood-Grade 12	ACTFL 605 OPI – Arabic and 600 WPT – Arabic	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2020 edTPA: World Language (pilot exam)
§233.15	Chinese: Early Childhood-Grade 12	ACTFL 606 OPI – Chinese (Mandarin) and 601 WPT – Chinese (Mandarin)	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2020 edTPA: World Language (pilot exam)
§233.15	French: Early Childhood-Grade 12	610 Languages Other Than English (LOTE) French EC-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2020 edTPA: World Language (pilot exam)

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Languages Other Than English (continued)			
§233.15	German: Early Childhood-Grade 12	611 LOTE German EC-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2020 edTPA: World Language (pilot exam)
§233.15	Hindi: Early Childhood-Grade 12	ACTFL 622 OPI – Hindi and 623 WPT – Hindi	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2020 edTPA: World Language (pilot exam)
§233.15	Italian: Early Childhood-Grade 12	ACTFL 624 OPI – Italian and 625 WPT – Italian	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2020 edTPA: World Language (pilot exam)
§233.15	Japanese: Early Childhood-Grade 12	ACTFL 607 OPI – Japanese and 602 WPT – Japanese	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2020 edTPA: World Language (pilot exam)
§233.15	Korean: Early Childhood-Grade 12	ACTFL 630 OPI – Korean and 631 WPT – Korean	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2020 edTPA: World Language (pilot exam)
§233.15	Latin: Early Childhood-Grade 12	612 LOTE Latin EC-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2104 edTPA: Classical Languages (pilot exam)
§233.15	Portuguese: Early Childhood-Grade 12	ACTFL 632 OPI – Portuguese and 633 WPT – Portuguese	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2020 edTPA: World Language (pilot exam)
§233.15	Russian: Early Childhood-Grade 12	ACTFL 608 OPI – Russian and 603 WPT – Russian	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2020 edTPA: World Language (pilot exam)
§233.15	Spanish: Early Childhood-Grade 12	613 LOTE Spanish EC-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2020 edTPA: World Language (pilot exam)
§233.15	Turkish: Early Childhood-Grade 12	ACTFL 626 OPI – Turkish and 627 WPT – Turkish	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2020 edTPA: World Language (pilot exam)
§233.15	Vietnamese: Early Childhood-Grade 12	ACTFL 609 OPI – Vietnamese and 604 WPT – Vietnamese	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2020 edTPA: World Language (pilot exam)
Librarian			
§239.60	School Librarian: Early Childhood-Grade 12	150 School Librarian Early Childhood-12 TExES	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate

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Master Teacher			
§239.102	Master Mathematics Teacher: Early Childhood-Grade 4	087 Master Mathematics Teacher EC-4 Texas Examinations for Master Teachers (TExMaT)	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate
§239.102	Master Mathematics Teacher: Grades 4-8	088 Master Mathematics Teacher 4-8 TExMaT	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate
§239.102	Master Mathematics Teacher: Grades 8-12	089 Master Mathematics Teacher 8-12 TExMaT	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate
§239.101	Master Reading Teacher: Early Childhood-Grade 12	085 Master Reading Teacher EC-12 TExMaT	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate
§239.103	Master Technology Teacher: Early Childhood-Grade 12	086 Master Technology Teacher EC-12 TExMaT	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate
§239.104	Master Science Teacher: Early Childhood-Grade 4	090 Master Science Teacher EC-4 TExMaT	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate
§239.104	Master Science Teacher: Grades 4-8	091 Master Science Teacher 4-8 TExMaT	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate
§239.104	Master Science Teacher: Grades 8-12	092 Master Science Teacher 8-12 TExMaT	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate

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Mathematics and Science			
§233.4	Mathematics: Grades 4-8	115 Mathematics 4-8 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2016 edTPA: Middle Childhood Mathematics (pilot exam)
§233.4	Science: Grades 4-8	116 Science 4-8 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2017 edTPA: Middle Childhood Science (pilot exam)
§233.4	Mathematics/Science: Grades 4-8	114 Mathematics/ Science 4-8 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2016 edTPA: Middle Childhood Mathematics (pilot exam) or 2017 edTPA: Middle Childhood Science (pilot exam)
§233.4	Mathematics: Grades 7-12	235 Mathematics 7-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2005 edTPA: Secondary Mathematics (pilot exam)
§233.4	Science: Grades 7-12	236 Science 7-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2006 edTPA: Secondary Science (pilot exam)
§233.4	Life Science: Grades 7-12	238 Life Science 7-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2006 edTPA: Secondary Science (pilot exam)

Certificate TAC Reference	Certificate Name	Required Content Pedagogy Test(s)	Pedagogical Requirement(s)
Mathematics and Science (continued)			
§233.4	Physical Science: Grades 6-12	237 Physical Science 6-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2006 edTPA: Secondary Science (pilot exam)
§233.4	Physics/Mathematics: Grades 7-12	243 Physics/Mathematics 7-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2005 edTPA: Secondary Mathematics (pilot exam) or 2006 edTPA: Secondary Science (pilot exam)
§233.4	Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 6-12	274 Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering 6-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2005 edTPA: Secondary Mathematics (pilot exam) or 2006 edTPA: Secondary Science (pilot exam) or 2143 edTPA: Technology and Engineering Education (pilot exam)
§233.4	Chemistry: Grades 7-12	240 Chemistry 7-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2006 edTPA: Secondary Science (pilot exam)
Music			
§233.10	Music: Early Childhood-Grade 12	177 Music EC-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2021 edTPA: K-12 Performing Arts (pilot exam)
Physical Education			
§233.12	Physical Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12	158 Physical Education EC-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2011 edTPA: Physical Education (pilot exam)

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Principal and Superintendent			
§241.20	Principal as Instructional Leader: Early Childhood-Grade 12	268 Principal as Instructional Leader TExES	Educational Testing Service (ETS) 368 Performance Assessment for School Leaders (PASL)
§241.35	Principal as Instructional Leader Endorsement	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate (Individuals must already hold a valid certificate to serve in the role of principal to be eligible for this endorsement.)	Educational Testing Service (ETS) 368 Performance Assessment for School Leaders (PASL)
§241.60	Principal: Early Childhood-Grade 12	068 Principal TExES	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate.
§242.20	Superintendent: Early Childhood-Grade 12	195 Superintendent TExES	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate
Social Studies			
§233.3	Social Studies: Grades 4-8	118 Social Studies 4-8 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2019 edTPA: Middle Childhood History/Social Studies (pilot exam)
§233.3	Social Studies: Grades 7-12	232 Social Studies 7-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2004 edTPA: Secondary History/Social Studies (pilot exam)
§233.3	History: Grades 7-12	233 History 7-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2004 edTPA: Secondary History/Social Studies (pilot exam)
Speech Communications			
§233.3	Speech: Grades 7-12	129 Speech 7-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2003 edTPA: Secondary English-Language Arts (pilot exam)
Special Education			
§233.8	Special Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12	161 Special Education EC-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2012 edTPA: Special Education (pilot exam)
§233.8	Special Education Supplemental	163 Special Education Supplemental TExES	Not Applicable: Not a Stand-alone Certificate

Certificate TAC Reference	Certificate Name	Required Content Pedagogy Test(s)	Pedagogical Requirement(s)
Special Education (continued)			
§233.8	Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Early Childhood-Grade 12	181 Deaf and Hard of Hearing EC-12 TExES and 072 TASC or 073 TASC-ASL (required for assignment but not for certification)	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2012 edTPA: Special Education (pilot exam)
§233.8	Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments Supplemental: Early Childhood-Grade 12	182 Visually Impaired TExES and 183 Braille TExES or 283 Braille TExES	Not Applicable: Not a Stand-alone Certificate
Theatre			
§233.10	Theatre: Early Childhood-Grade 12	180 Theatre EC-12 TExES	160 PPR EC-12 TExES or 2021 edTPA: K-12 Performing Arts (pilot exam)