Item 18:

Discussion of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators, Subchapter E, Educational Aide Certificate, and Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures

DISCUSSION

SUMMARY: This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230. Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators, Subchapter E, Educational Aide Certificate, and Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures. The proposed revisions would implement the statutory requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 1839 and House Bills (HBs) 2039 and 3349, 85th Texas Legislature, 2017 and HB 3, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019. The proposed revisions to Subchapter C would reduce the number of days for computer and paper-based examination retakes from 45 to 30 days and would update the figure specifying the required test for issuance of the standard certification, including removal of Master Teacher and Principal, and the addition of Early Childhood-Grade 3, Science of Teaching Reading, and Trade and Industrial Workforce Training. The proposed revisions to Subchapter E would allow the educational aide I certificate to be issued as an industry-based certification for career and technical education course completions. Proposed changes to Subchapter G would clarify that requests for certificate corrections should be submitted to the TEA within six weeks from the original date of issuance. The proposed changes to this subchapter would also implement the requirement specified in statute that certified classroom teachers must complete training prior to receiving test approval for issuance of the Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3 certificate.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: The statutory authority for 19 TAC Chapter 230 the Texas Education Code §21.031, 21.041(a), 21.041 (b)(1), (2), (4), (7), and (8), and 21.041(c), 21.044(a), 21.048, as amended by HB 3, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, 21.050, 21.064 as amended by HB 3, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, 22.064, 22.082 and Texas Occupations Code 54.003 for Subchapter C; and 21.031(a); 21.041(b)(1)–(5) and (9) and (c); 21.044(a), (e) and (f); 21.048 as amended by SB 1839, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017; 21.0485; 21.050; 21.0489; 21.054(a); 22.082; and 22.0831(f) and Texas Occupations Code, §53.105 for Subchapter G.

TEC, §21.031(a), states that the SBEC shall regulate and oversee all aspects of the certification, continuing education, and standards of conduct of public school educators.

TEC, §21.031(b), states that the SBEC shall ensure that all candidates for certification or renewal of certification should demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the performance of a diverse student population.

TEC, §21.041(b)(1)-(5), requires the SBEC to propose rules that provide for the regulation of educators and the general administration of the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, in a manner

consistent with the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B; requires the SBEC to propose rules that specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates; the period for which each class of educator certificate is valid; and the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate; and requires the SBEC to propose rules that include requirements for educators that hold a similar certification issued by another state or foreign country.

TEC, §21.041(b)(7)–(9), requires the SBEC to propose rules disciplinary proceedings, enforcement of an educator's code of ethics and for the regulation of continuing education requirements.

TEC, §21.041(c), states that the SBEC may adopt fees for the issuance and maintenance of an educator certification to adequately cover the cost of the administration.

TEC, §21.044(a), as amended by SBs 7, 1839, and 1963, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, requires the SBEC to propose rules establishing training requirements a person must accomplish to obtain a certificate, enter an internship, or enter an induction-year program.

TEC, §21.044(e), states that 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 that a person must have: (1) an associate degree or more advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher education; (2) current licensure, certification, or registration as a health professions practitioner issued by a nationally recognized accrediting agency for health professionals; and (3) at least two years of wage-earning experience utilizing the licensure requirement.

TEC, §21.044(f), states that the SBEC may not propose rules for a certificate to teach a health science technology education course that specifies that a person must have a bachelor's degree or that establish any other credential or teaching experience requirements that exceed the requirements under Subsection (e).

TEC, §21.048, states that the SBEC shall propose rules prescribing comprehensive examinations for each class of certificate issued by the board that includes not requiring more than 45 days elapsing between examination retakes and that starting January 1, 2021 all candidates teaching prekindergarten through grade six must demonstrate proficiency in the science of teaching reading on a certification examination.

TEC, §21.0489, specifies the issuance requirements for the Early Childhood: Prekindergarten–Grade 3 certification.

TEC, §21.0485, states the issuance requirements for certification to teach students with visual impairments.

TEC, §21.050(a), states that a person who applies for a teaching certificate must possess a bachelor's degree.

TEC, §21.050(b), states that the SBEC may not require more than 18 semester credit hours of education courses at the baccalaureate level for the granting of a teaching certificate.

TEC, §21.050(c), states that 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 the TEC, §54.363, may not be required to participate in any field experience or internship consisting of student teaching to receive a teaching certificate.

TEC, §21.054(a), as amended by SBs 7, 179, and 1839, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, requires the SBEC to propose rules establishing a process for identifying continuing education courses and programs that fulfill educators' continuing education requirements.

TEC, §22.064, as amended by HB 3, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, requires the SBEC to designate all Master Teacher certificates as Legacy Master Teacher.

TEC, §22.082, requires SBEC to subscribe to the criminal history clearinghouse as provided by §411.0845, Texas Government Code and may obtain any law enforcement or criminal history records that relate to a specific applicant for or holder of a certificate issued under Chapter 21, Subchapter B.

TEC, §22.0831(f)(1) and (2), states that SBEC may propose rules regarding the deadline for the national criminal history check and implement sanctions for persons failing to comply with the requirements.

TOC, §53.105, states that a licensing authority may require a fee that is in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of administration.

TOC, §54.003, states that a licensing authority shall provide accommodations and eligibility criteria for examinees diagnosed as having dyslexia.

FUTURE ACTION EXPECTED: Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff anticipates presenting proposed rules to the SBEC at the December 2019 meeting after receiving input from the Board at the October meeting and collecting additional stakeholder feedback.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION: The SBEC rules in 19 TAC Chapter 230 specify the testing requirements for certification and the additional certificates based on examination. These requirements ensure that educators are qualified and professionally prepared to instruct the schoolchildren of Texas.

Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators

The proposed revisions in 230.21(a)(1)(D) would reduce the amount of time between computer and paper-based re-takes from 45 days to 30 days. The proposed revisions are in response to stakeholder feedback from the July 2019 Board meeting and would allow candidates an additional testing window in the summer to meet certification requirements.

The proposed amendment to §230.21(e) would amend the Figure: 19 TAC §230.21(e) to:

- comply with HB 3 by removing of the Master Teacher certificates and to align the figure to the current list of active certifications. The amendments would remove:
 - o §239.101 Master Reading Teacher: Early Childhood–Grade 12,
 - §239.102 Master Mathematics Teacher: Early Childhood–Grade 4, Grades 4–8, and Grades 8–12,
 - o §239.103 Master Technology Teacher: Early Childhood–Grade 12.

- §233.104 Master Science Teacher: Early Childhood–Grade 4, Grades 4–8, and Grades 8–12, and
- §241.60 Principal: Early Childhood–Grade 12.
- provide for a transition from the current content tests to anticipated content pedagogy test for:
 - §233.11 Health: Early Childhood–Grade 12 (157 Health EC–12 TExES to 257 Health EC–12 TExES),
 - §233.12 Physical Education: Early Childhood–Grade 12 (158 Physical Education EC-12 TEXES to 258 Physical Education EC-12 TEXES),
 - §233.3 English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4–8 (117 English Language Arts and Reading 4–8 TExES to 217 English Language Arts and Reading 4–8),
 - §233.2 Core Subjects: Early Childhood–Grade 6 (291 Core Subjects EC–6 TExES to 2391 Core Subjects EC–6 TExES),
 - §239.84 Educational Diagnostician: Early Childhood–Grade 12 (153 Education Diagnostician EC–12 TEXES to 253 Educational Diagnostician EC–12),
 - §239.20 School Counselor: Early Childhood–Grade 12 (152 School Counselor EC–12 TExES to 252 School Counselor EC–12 TExES), and
 - §233.14 Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6–12 (270 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities for Trade and Industrial Education 6–12 TExES to 370 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities for Trade and Industrial Education 6–12 TExES).
- comply with HB 3 by requiring educators that teach any grade level from prekindergarten through grade six be required to demonstrate proficiency in the science of teaching reading on a certification examination beginning January 1, 2021. The amendment would add:
 - 293 Science of Teaching Reading TExES as a required content pedagogy test to §233.2 Core Subjects: Early Childhood–Grade 6, §233.2 Core Subjects: Grades 4–8, §233.2 Early Childhood: Prekindergarten–Grade 3, §233.3 English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4–8, and §233.3 English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies Grades 4–8.
- comply with Senate Bill (SB) 1839 and House Bill (HBs) 2039 to create the required assessments for the 233.2 Early Childhood: Prekindergarten–Grade 3 certification.
- comply with House Bill (HB) 3349 to create the required assessments for the 233.14 Trade and Industrial Workforce Training: Grades 6–12 certification.

Attachment II reflects the proposed rule text to figure §230.21(e).

Subchapter E, Educational Aide Certificate

TEA staff in Educator Certification, Instructional Support, and Career and Technical Education are working collaboratively to support the work associated with industry-based certifications. Industry certifications were established by HB 2729 and designed to prepare students for success in postsecondary endeavors and are used for public school accountability.

The proposed amendment to §230.55 would add the word "either" to provide options for individuals seeking the educational aide I certificate and provide that educational aide level one

is the only educational aide credential approved by the SBEC to serve as an industry-based certification. The industry-based certification would allow students to earn relevant credentials after completing career and technical education courses while allowing schools to accurately reflect career readiness in their accountability measures

Proposed new §230.55(3) would outline the requirements for issuance of an educational aide I certificate for industry-based certification. Proposed new subsection (A) would specify that an applicant for the certificate under these purposes must be a graduating high school student that has successfully completed the required courses. Proposed new subsection (B) would require that an applicant for the certificate have his or her qualifications verified by the recommending superintendent or his or her designee. Proposed new subsection (C) would allow the candidate to have the recommending district pay the designated fees for issuance of the educational aide I certificate for industry-based certification.

<u>Subchapter G, §230.104. Correcting a Certificate or Permit Issued in Error and §230.105.</u> <u>Issuance of Additional Certificates Based on Examination</u>

The proposed amendment in §230.104(b) would add the requirement that if an entity incorrectly issues a certificate, the entity shall request a correction within six weeks. This will ensure that the certification matches the candidate's teaching assignment and that candidates on intern or probationary certifications are correctly supported. The proposed amendment would also apply to supplemental certifications, such as adding on the EC–12 ESL supplemental certification, to ensure candidates have the specialized certifications to teach the students they serve.

The proposed amendment to §230.105 would comply with Senate Bill (SB) 1839 and House Bills (HBs) 2039 to mandate that all candidates complete training requirements for issuance of an Early Childhood: Prekindergarten–Grade 3 certification.

Attachment II reflects the proposed rule text to figure §230.105.

PUBLIC AND STUDENT BENEFIT: The public and student benefit anticipated as a result of the proposed revisions to 19 TAC 230 would be rules that offer continued and clear guidance on processes and procedures for testing and certificate issuance.

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Attachments:

- Statutory Citations
- II. Draft Text of Proposed Revision to 19 TAC Chapter 230, <u>Professional Educator Preparation and Certification</u>, Subchapter C, <u>Assessment of Educators</u>, Subchapter E, <u>Educational Aide Certificate</u>, and Subchapter G, <u>Certificate Issuance Procedures</u>

ATTACHMENT I

Statutory Citations Relating to 19 TAC Chapter 230, <u>Professional Educator Preparation</u> and Certification, and Subchapter G, <u>Certificate Issuance Procedures</u>

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, §21.041, 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.

Texas Education Code, §21.044, Educator Preparation:

- (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 specifies 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, §21.048, Certification Examinations:

- (a) The board shall propose rules prescribing comprehensive examinations for each class of certificate issued by the board.
 - (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 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, §21.0489, Early Childhood Certification:

- (a) To ensure that there are teachers with special training in early childhood education focusing on prekindergarten through grade three, the board shall establish an early childhood certificate.
- (c) To be eligible for a certificate established under this section, a person must
 - (B) hold an early childhood through grade six certificate issued under this subchapter and satisfactorily complete a course of instruction

Texas Education Code, §21.050, <u>Academic Degree Required for Teaching Certificate</u>; Internship:

- (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 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, §21.054, Continuing Education (excerpt):

(a) The board shall propose rules establishing a process for identifying continuing education courses and programs that fulfill educators' continuing education requirements.

Texas Education Code, §22.064, Legacy Master Teacher Certifications:

(a) The board shall recognize a master teacher certificate issued under former Section 21.0481, 21.0482, 21.0483, or 21.0484 until the certificate expires. The board shall note a designation of "legacy" on the certificate.

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

The State Board for Educator Certification shall subscribe to the criminal history clearinghouse as provided by Section 411.0845, Government Code, 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 Subchapter B, Chapter 21.

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

- (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, <u>Examination Accommodations for Person With Dyslexia:</u>

- (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.

ATTACHMENT II Draft Text of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC

Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification

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] 30 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 <u>and</u> 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.

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		1	,
§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)		<u> </u>
§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 Technic	cal 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)

Certificate TAC Reference	Certificate Name	Required Content Pedagogy Test(s)	Pedagogical Requirement(s)
§233.14	Health Science: Grades 6-12	273 Health Science 6- 12 TEXES	160 PPR EC-12 TEXES
§233.14	Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12	Not Applicable	270 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities for Trade and Industrial Education 6-12 TExES (last operational date 8/31/2021) Starting 9/1/2021 370 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities for Trade and Industrial Education 6-12 TEXES
<u>§233.14</u>	Trade and Industrial Workforce Training: Grades 6-12	Not Applicable	370 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities for Trade and Industrial Education 6-12 TEXES
Computer Science an	d 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 (last operational date 12/31/2020) Starting 1/1/2021 391 Core Subjects EC-6 TEXES and 293 Science of Teaching Reading TEXES	160 PPR EC-12 TEXES or 2110 edTPA: Elementary Education: Literacy with Mathematics Task 4 (pilot exam)

Certificate TAC Reference	Certificate Name	Required Content Pedagogy Test(s)	Pedagogical Requirement(s)			
§233.2	Core Subjects: Grades 4-8	211 Core Subjects 4-8 TEXES and 293 Science of Teaching Reading TEXES (starting 1/1/2021)	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	ı	ı	<u>.</u>			
§239.20	School Counselor: Early Childhood-Grade 12	152 School Counselor EC-12 TEXES (last operational date 8/31/2021) Starting 9/1/2021 252 School Counselor EC-12 TEXES	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate			
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)			
Early Childhood	,					
<u>§233.2</u>	Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3	292 Early Childhood: PK-3 TEXES and 293 Science of Teaching Reading TEXES	160 PPR EC-12 TEXES or 2014 edTPA: Early Childhood Education (pilot exam)			
Educational Diagnost	Educational Diagnostician					
§239.84	Educational Diagnostician: Early Childhood-Grade 12	153 Educational Diagnostician EC-12 TEXES (last operational date 12/31/2020) Starting 1/1/2021 251 Educational Diagnostician EC-12 TEXES	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate			

Certificate TAC Reference	Certificate Name	Required Content Pedagogy Test(s)	Pedagogical Requirement(s)
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English Language Arts	and Reading		
§233.3	English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8	117 English Language Arts and Reading 4-8 TEXES (last operational date 12/31/2021) Starting 1/1/2022 217 English Language Arts and Reading 4-8 TEXES and 293 Science of Teaching Reading TEXES (starting 1/1/2021)	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 and 293 Science of Teaching Reading TEXES (starting 1/1/2021)	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 La			
§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		T	I
§233.9	Gifted and Talented Supplemental	162 Gifted and Talented TEXES	Not Applicable: Not a Stand-alone Certificate

Certificate TAC Reference	Certificate Name	Required Content Pedagogy Test(s)	Pedagogical Requirement(s)
Health	- I		
§233.11	Health: Early Childhood- Grade 12	157 Health Education EC-12 TEXES (last operational date 8/31/2021) Starting 9/1/2021 257 Health EC-12 TEXES	160 PPR EC-12 TEXES or 2119 edTPA: Health Education (pilot exam)
Journalism	1		
§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 Office	er Training	1	
§233.17	Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps: Grades 6- 12	Not Applicable	160 PPR EC-12 TEXES
Languages Other Tha	an 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)

Certificate TAC Reference	Certificate Name	Required Content Pedagogy Test(s)	Pedagogical Requirement(s)
Languages Other Th	han 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			1
§239.60	School Librarian: Early Childhood-Grade 12	150 School Librarian Early Childhood-12 TExES	Not Applicable: Not an Initial Certificate

Certificate TAC	Certificate Name	Required Content	Pedagogical
Reference		Pedagogy Test(s)	Requirement(s)
[Master Teacher]	<u> </u>		
[§239.102]	[Master Mathematics	[087 Master	[Not Applicable: Not an
	Teacher: Early Childhood-	Mathematics Teacher	Initial Certificate]
	Grade 4]	EC-4 Texas	
		Examinations for	
		Master Teachers	
		(TExMaT)]	
[§239.102]	[Master Mathematics	[088 Master	[Not Applicable: Not an
	Teacher: Grades 4-8]	Mathematics Teacher	Initial Certificate]
		4-8 TExMaT]	
[§239.102]	[Master Mathematics	[089 Master	[Not Applicable: Not an
	Teacher: Grades 8-12]	Mathematics Teacher	Initial Certificate]
		8-12 TExMaT]	
[§239.101]	[Master Reading Teacher:	[085 Master Reading	[Not Applicable: Not an
	Early Childhood-Grade 12]	Teacher EC-12 TExMaT]	Initial Certificate]
[§239.103]	[Master Technology	[086 Master	[Not Applicable: Not an
	Teacher: Early Childhood-	Technology Teacher	Initial Certificate]
	Grade 12]	EC-12 TExMaT]	
[§239.104]	[Master Science Teacher:	[090 Master Science	[Not Applicable: Not an
	Early Childhood-Grade 4]	Teacher EC-4 TExMaT]	Initial Certificate]
[§239.104]	[Master Science Teacher:	[091 Master Science	[Not Applicable: Not an
	Grades 4-8]	Teacher 4-8 TExMaT]	Initial Certificate]
[§239.104]	[Master Science Teacher:	[092 Master Science	[Not Applicable: Not an
	Grades 8-12]	Teacher 8-12 TExMaT]	Initial Certificate]

Certificate TAC Reference	Certificate Name	Required Content Pedagogy Test(s)	Pedagogical Requirement(s)
Mathematics and Sci	ence		
§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 Sci	i ence (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			T
§233.12	Physical Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12	158 Physical Education EC-12 TEXES (last operational date 8/31/2021) Starting 9/1/2021 258 Physical Education EC- 12 TEXES	160 PPR EC-12 TEXES or 2011 edTPA: Physical Education (pilot exam)

Certificate TAC Reference	Certificate Name	Required Content Pedagogy Test(s)	Pedagogical Requirement(s)
Principal and Super	rintendent		
§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)

Certificate TAC Reference	Certificate Name	Required Content Pedagogy Test(s)	Pedagogical Requirement(s)
Speech Communicati	ons	•	
§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
§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)

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.

§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.

§230.55. Certification Requirements for Educational Aide I.

An applicant for an educational aide I certificate shall either:

- (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[-], or
- (3) for purposes of the State Board of Educator Certification issuing an educational aide I certificate for industry-based certification,
 - (A) be a graduating high school student who has successfully completed at least two or more

 Education and Training courses for three or more credits, one of which must be the

 Instructional Practices course or the Practicum in Education and Training course; and
 - (B) have the recommending superintendent or his or her designee verify successful completion of the courses as stated in §230.55(3)(A) in which the district maintains these records; and
 - (C) may have the recommending district pay for the designated fee(s).

§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.

Subchapter G. Certificate Issuance Procedures

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) The request to amend or correct an intern or probationary certificate and the appropriate fee must be submitted to the TEA no later than six weeks from the date of issuance of the certificate or, in the case of a change of assignment, no later than six weeks from the date of the change. Within seven days, the educator and employing school must notify the recommending EPP of any change in assignment that may affect the certification category required by the assignment according to the provisions of 19 TAC Chapter 231.

 Requirements for the Public School Personnel Assignments.

§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) the Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3 certificate;
- (4) [(3)] another class of certificate, as listed in Subchapter D of this chapter (relating to Types and Classes of Certificates Issued); or
- (5) [4) certification for which no certification examination has been developed.