

Item 7:**Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans****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 adoption of review of 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans. The rules being reviewed provide requirements relating to preparation, testing, certification, and renewal for all members of the military community.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Statutory authority for the rule review is Texas Government Code (TGC), §2001.039. The statutory authority for 19 TAC Chapter 234 is the Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.041(b)(2) and (4); 21.044(a); 21.052(b-1), (c), and (d-1); 21.054, as amended by Senate Bill (SB) 11 and House Bills (HB) 18, 403, and 2424, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019; and Texas Occupations Code (TOC), §§55.001–55.004; 55.0041, as added by SB 1200, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019; 55.005–55.010.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION: At the July 24, 2020 meeting, the SBEC voted to publish the proposed rule review of 19 TAC Chapter 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans, in the *Texas Register*.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION: The SBEC rules in 19 TAC Chapter 234 consolidate all military-related provisions into one chapter for all members of the military community (military service members, military spouses, and military veterans). The rules currently in effect in 19 TAC Chapter 234 are shown in Attachment II.

If authorized by the SBEC, the notice of adopted review stating the reasons for adoption continue to exist will be filed with the *Texas Register* following the October 2020 SBEC meeting.

ANTICIPATED REVISIONS TO RULES: No changes to rules in 19 TAC Chapter 234 are anticipated at this time, not precluding any amendments that may be proposed at the same time or at a different time through a separate rulemaking process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The TEA filed the notice of proposed review of 19 TAC Chapter 234 with the *Texas Register* following the July 2020 SBEC meeting. The public comment period on the proposed rule review began August 21, 2020, and ended September 21, 2020. Any comments received will be provided to the SBEC under separate cover prior to the October 9, 2020 meeting. The SBEC will take registered oral and written comments on this item at the October 9, 2020 meeting in accordance with the SBEC board operating policies and procedures.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the proposed review of 19 TAC Chapter 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Attachments:

- I. Statutory Citations
- II. Text of 19 TAC Chapter 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans

ATTACHMENT I**Statutory Citations Relating to Review of 19 TAC Chapter 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans****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 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans Provisions**Texas Education Code, §21.041, Rules; Fees (excerpt):**

- (b) The board shall propose rules that:
 - (2) specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates;
 - (4) specify the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate;

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

- (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.

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

- (b-1) The board shall propose rules to establish procedures to expedite the processing of an application for a certificate under this section submitted by an educator who is the spouse of a person who is serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, including rules for providing the appropriate documentation to establish the educator's status as a spouse of a person who is serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States.
- (c) The board may issue a temporary certificate under this section to an educator who holds a degree required by Subsection (a)(1) and a certificate or other credential required by Subsection (a)(2) but who has not satisfied the requirements prescribed by Subsection (a)(3). Subject to Subsections (d) and (d-1), the board may specify the term of a temporary certificate issued under this subsection.
- (d-1) A temporary certificate issued under Subsection (c) to an educator who is the spouse of a person who is serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States may not expire before the third anniversary of the date on which the board completes the review of the educator's credentials and informs the educator of the examination or examinations under Section 21.048 on which the educator must perform satisfactorily to receive a standard certificate.

Texas Education Code, §21.054, Continuing Education, as amended by SB 11 and HBs 18, 403, and 2424, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019:

- (a) The board shall propose rules establishing a process for identifying continuing education courses and programs that fulfill educators' continuing education requirements 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).
- (b) Continuing education requirements for an educator who teaches students with dyslexia must include training regarding new research and practices in educating students with dyslexia.
- (c) The training required under Subsection (b) may be offered in an online course.
- (d) Continuing education requirements for a classroom teacher must provide that at least ~~not more than~~ 25 percent of the training required every five years include instruction regarding:
- (1) collecting and analyzing information that will improve effectiveness in the classroom;
 - (2) recognizing early warning indicators that a student may be at risk of dropping out of school;
 - (3) digital learning, digital teaching, and integrating technology into classroom instruction;
 - (4) educating diverse student populations, including:
 - (A) students who are eligible to participate in special education programs under Subchapter A, Chapter 29 ~~[with disabilities, including mental health disorders];~~
 - (B) students who are eligible to receive educational services required under Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794);

- (C) students with mental health conditions or who engage in substance abuse;
 - (D) students with intellectual or developmental disabilities;
 - (E) who are educationally disadvantaged;
 - (F) [(C)] students of limited English proficiency; and
 - (G) [(D)] students at risk of dropping out of school.
- (5) understanding appropriate relationships, boundaries, and communications between educators and students; and [-]
- (6) [(d-2)] [Continuing education requirements for a classroom teacher may include instruction regarding] how mental health conditions, including grief and trauma affect student learning and behavior and how evidence-based, grief-informed, and trauma-informed strategies support the academic success of students affected by grief and trauma.
- (d-1) The instruction required under Subsection (d) may include two or more listed topics together.
- (d-2) The instruction required under Subsection (d)(6) must:
- (1) comply with the training required by Section 38.036(c)(1); and
 - (2) be approved by the commissioner.
- (e) Continuing education requirements for a principal must provide that at least [not more than] 25 percent of the training required every five years include instruction regarding:
- (1) effective and efficient management, including:
 - (A) collecting and analyzing information;
 - (B) making decisions and managing time; and
 - (C) supervising student discipline and managing behavior;
 - (2) recognizing early warning indicators that a student may be at risk of dropping out of school;
 - (3) digital learning, digital teaching, and integrating technology into campus curriculum and instruction;
 - (4) effective implementation of a comprehensive school counseling program under Section 33.005;
 - (5) mental health programs addressing a mental health condition;
 - (6) educating diverse student populations, including:
 - (A) students who are eligible to participate in special education programs under Subchapter A, Chapter 29 [with disabilities, including mental health disorders];
 - (B) students with intellectual or developmental disabilities;
 - (C) students who are eligible to receive educational services required under Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794);

- (D) students with mental health conditions or who engage in substance abuse;
- (E) students who are educationally disadvantaged;
- (F) ~~(C)~~ students of limited English proficiency; and
- (G) ~~(D)~~ students at risk of dropping out of school; ~~and~~
- (7) ~~(5)~~ preventing, recognizing, and reporting any sexual conduct between an educator and student that is prohibited under Section 21.12, Penal Code, or for which reporting is required under Section 21.006 of this code; and ~~]~~
- (8) ~~(e-2)~~ ~~[Continuing education requirements for a principal may include instruction regarding]~~ how mental health conditions, including grief and trauma, affect student learning and behavior and how evidence-based, grief-informed, and trauma-informed strategies support the academic success of students affected by grief and trauma.

(e-2) The instruction required under Subsection (e)(8) must be:

- (1) based on relevant best practice-based programs and research-based practices; and
- (2) approved by the commissioner, in consultation with the Health and Human Services Commission.
- (f) Continuing education requirements for a counselor must provide that at least ~~[not more than]~~ 25 percent of training required every five years include instruction regarding:
- (1) assisting students in developing high school graduation plans;
- (2) implementing dropout prevention strategies; ~~and~~
- (3) informing students concerning:
- (A) college admissions, including college financial aid resources and application procedures; and
- (B) career opportunities.
- (4) counseling students concerning mental health conditions and substance abuse, including through the use of grief-informed and trauma-informed interventions and crisis management and suicide prevention strategies; and
- (5) effective implementation of a comprehensive school counseling program under Section 33.005.
- (g) The board shall adopt rules that allow an educator to fulfill ~~[up to 12 hours of]~~ continuing education requirements by participating in an evidence-based ~~[a]~~ mental health first aid training program or an evidence-based grief-informed and trauma-informed care program ~~[offered by a local mental health authority under Section 1001.203, Health and Safety Code].~~ The rules adopted under this subsection must allow an educator to complete a program described by this subsection and receive credit toward continuing education requirements for twice the number of hours of instruction provided under that program, not to exceed 16 hours. The program must be offered through a classroom instruction format that requires in-person attendance. ~~[The number of hours of continuing education an educator may fulfill under this subsection may not exceed the number of hours the educator actually spends participating in a mental health first aid training program.]~~

- (h) Continuing education requirements for a superintendent must include at least 2-1/2 hours of training every five years on identifying and reporting potential victims of sexual abuse, human trafficking, and other maltreatment of children. For purposes of this subsection, "other maltreatment" has the meaning assigned by Section 42.002, Human Resources Code.
- (i) The board shall propose rules establishing a program to issue micro-credentials in fields of study related to an educator's certification class. The agency shall approve continuing education providers to offer micro-credential courses. A micro-credential received by an educator shall be recorded on the agency's Educator Certification Online System (ECOS) and included as part of the educator's public certification records.

Texas Occupations Code, §55.001, Definitions:

In this chapter:

- (1) "Active duty" means current full-time military service in the armed forces of the United States or active duty military service as a member of the Texas military forces, as defined by Government Code, Section 437.001, or similar military service of another state.
- (2) "Armed forces of the United States" means the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps of the United States or a reserve unit of one of those branches of the armed forces.
- (3) "License" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, or other form of authorization required by law or a state agency rule that must be obtained by an individual to engage in a particular business.
- (4) "Military service member" means a person who is on active duty.
- (5) "Military spouse" means a person who is married to a military service member.
- (6) "Military veteran" means a person who has served on active duty and who was discharged or released from active duty.
- (7) "State agency" means a department, board, bureau, commission, committee, division, office, council, or agency of the state.

Texas Occupations Code, §55.002, Exemption from Penalty for Failure to Renew License:

A state agency that issues a license shall adopt rules to exempt an individual who holds a license issued by the agency from any increased fee or other penalty imposed by the agency for failing to renew the license in a timely manner if the individual establishes to the satisfaction of the agency that the individual failed to renew the license in a timely manner because the individual was serving as a military service member.

Texas Occupations Code, §55.003, Extension of License Renewal Deadlines for Military Service Members:

A military service member who holds a license is entitled to two years of additional time to complete:

- (1) any continuing education requirements; and
- (2) any other requirement related to the renewal of the military service member's license.

Texas Occupations Code, §55.004, Alternative Licensing for Military Service Members, Military Veterans, and Military Spouses:

- (a) A state agency that issues a license shall adopt rules for the issuance of the license to an applicant who is a military service member, military veteran, or military spouse and:
 - (1) holds a current license issued by another jurisdiction that has licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to the requirements for the license in this state; or
 - (2) within the five years preceding the application date held the license in this state.
- (b) The executive director of a state agency may waive any prerequisite to obtaining a license for an applicant described by Subsection (a) after reviewing the applicant's credentials.
- (c) In addition to the rules adopted under Subsection (a), a state agency that issues a license may adopt rules that would establish alternate methods for a military service member, military veteran, or military spouse to demonstrate competency to meet the requirements for obtaining the license.

Texas Occupations Code, §55.0041, Recognition of Out-of-State License of Military Spouse, as added by Senate Bill 1200, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019:

- (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a military spouse may engage in a business or occupation for which a license is required without obtaining the applicable license if the spouse is currently licensed in good standing by another jurisdiction that has licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to the requirements for the license in this state.
- (b) Before engaging in the practice of the business or occupation, the military spouse must:
 - (1) notify the applicable state agency of the spouse's intent to practice in this state;
 - (2) submit to the agency proof of the spouse's residency in this state and a copy of the spouse's military identification card; and
 - (3) receive from the agency confirmation that:
 - (A) the agency has verified the spouse's license in the other jurisdiction; and
 - (B) the spouse is authorized to engage in the business or occupation in accordance with this section.
- (c) The military spouse shall comply with all other laws and regulations applicable to the business or occupation in this state.
- (d) A military spouse may engage in the business or occupation under the authority of this section only for the period during which the military service member to whom the military spouse is married is stationed at a military installation in this state but not to exceed three years from the date the spouse receives the confirmation described by Subsection (b)(3).
- (e) A state agency that issues a license shall adopt rules to implement this section. The rules must establish a process for the agency to:

- (1) identify, with respect to each type of license issued by the agency, the jurisdictions that have licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to the requirements for the license in this state; and
 - (2) verify that a military spouse is licensed in good standing in a jurisdiction described by Subdivision (1).
- (f) In addition to the rules adopted under Subsection (e), a state agency that issues a license may adopt rules to provide for the issuance of a license to a military spouse to whom the agency provides confirmation under Subsection (b)(3). A license issued under this subsection must expire not later than the third anniversary of the date the agency provided the confirmation and may not be renewed. A state agency may not charge a fee for the issuance of the license.

Texas Occupations Code, §55.005, Expedited License Procedure for Military Service Members, Military Veterans, and Military Spouses:

- (a) A state agency that issues a license shall, as soon as practicable after a military service member, military veteran, or military spouse files an application for a license:
 - (1) process the application; and
 - (2) issue the license to an applicant who qualifies for the license under Section 55.004.
- (b) A license issued under this section may not be a provisional license and must confer the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as a license not issued under this section.

Texas Occupations Code, §55.006, Renewal of Expedited License Issued to Military Service Member, Military Veteran, or Military Spouse:

- (a) As soon as practicable after a state agency issues a license under Section 55.005, the state agency shall determine the requirements for the license holder to renew the license.
- (b) The state agency shall notify the license holder of the requirements for renewing the license in writing or by electronic means.
- (c) A license issued under Section 55.005 has the term established by law or state agency rule, or a term of 12 months from the date the license is issued, whichever term is longer.

Texas Occupations Code, §55.007, License Eligibility Requirements for Applicants with Military Experience:

- (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a state agency that issues a license shall, with respect to an applicant who is a military service member or military veteran, credit verified military service, training, or education toward the licensing requirements, other than an examination requirement, for a license issued by the state agency.
- (b) The state agency shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section.
- (c) Rules adopted under this section may not apply to an applicant who:
 - (1) holds a restricted license issued by another jurisdiction; or
 - (2) has an unacceptable criminal history according to the law applicable to the state agency.

Texas Occupations Code, §55.008, Apprenticeship Requirements for Applicant with Military Experience:

- (a) Notwithstanding any other law, if an apprenticeship is required for a license issued by a state agency, the state agency shall credit verified military service, training, or education that is relevant to the occupation toward the apprenticeship requirements for the license.
- (b) The state agency shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

Texas Occupations Code, §55.009, License Application and Examination Fees:

Notwithstanding any other law, a state agency that issues a license shall waive the license application and examination fees paid to the state for an applicant who is:

- (1) a military service member or military veteran whose military service, training, or education substantially meets all of the requirements for the license; or
- (2) a military service member, military veteran, or military spouse who holds a current license issued by another jurisdiction that has licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to the requirements for the license in this state.

Texas Occupations Code, §55.010, Notice of Chapter Provisions:

A state agency that issues a license shall prominently post a notice on the home page of the agency's Internet website describing the provisions of this chapter that are available to military service members, military veterans, and military spouses.

ATTACHMENT II
Text of 19 TAC**Chapter 234. Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans****§234.1. Purpose.**

- (a) The purpose of identifying military service members, military spouses, and military veterans is to establish a process to count applicable military service for timely admission into educator preparation programs, expedite the completion of certification credential reviews, support certification examination and licensure application fee exemptions as applicable, and support certification renewal of members of the military community.
- (b) In the event of conflict with any other rule in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 7, this chapter shall supersede with regard to the certification of military service members, military spouses, and military veterans.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §234.1 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.041(b)(2) and (4); 21.044(a); and 21.054; and the Texas Occupations Code, §§55.001-55.009.

Source: The provisions of this §234.1 adopted to be effective August 28, 2016, 41 TexReg 6201.

§234.3. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) Military service member--A person who is on active duty.
- (2) Military spouse--A person who is married to a military service member.
- (3) Military veteran--A person who has served on active duty and who was discharged or released from active duty.
- (4) Active duty--Current full-time military service in the armed forces of the United States or active duty military service as a member of the Texas military forces, as defined by the Texas Government Code, §437.001, or similar military service of another state.
- (5) Armed forces of the United States--The army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps of the United States or a reserve unit of one of those branches of the armed forces.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §234.3 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.041(b)(2) and (4); 21.044(a); and 21.054; and the Texas Occupations Code, §§55.001-55.009.

Source: The provisions of this §234.3 adopted to be effective August 28, 2016, 41 TexReg 6201.

§234.5. Certification of Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans.

- (a) The application for certification of a military service member, military veteran, or military spouse, including an application based upon certification by a jurisdiction other than Texas that has certification requirements substantially similar to the Texas certification requirements, shall be processed as soon as practicable.
- (b) As soon as practicable after the issuance of a one-year certificate, Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff shall notify, in writing or by email, a military spouse of the requirements for obtaining a standard Texas certificate.
- (c) A military spouse who has been issued a one-year certificate prior to September 1, 2017, under the provisions of this chapter, is eligible for two additional years from the date of issuance, not to exceed a total of three years maximum, to align with provisions for a military spouse referenced in subsection (d) of this section.

- (d) Effective September 1, 2017, a military spouse shall be issued a three-year temporary certificate upon completion of the review of credentials.
- (e) Effective December 1, 2019, prior to beginning employment, a military spouse must declare his or her intent to teach in Texas with a license issued by another state department of education, by submitting an application and required documents for a review of credentials to the TEA and completing the criminal background check. TEA staff must provide approval for the military spouse to teach in Texas a maximum of three years with credentials issued by another state.
- (f) A military service member or a military veteran shall be entitled to credit verified military service, training, or education toward the training, education, work experience, or related requirements (other than certification examinations) for educator certification. TEA staff and educator preparation programs (EPPs) shall use information from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or other reliable sources to assist in crediting applicable military service, training, or education to certification requirements.
- (g) A military service member pursuing certification in career and technical education must meet requirements for the certificate, but for career and technical education certificate areas requiring experience and licensure, the military service member shall be entitled to substitute military experience in the trade for the required license or professional credential for the specific trade.
- (h) A military service member, military spouse, and military veteran shall complete educator examination requirements for certificate issuance as outlined in Texas Education Code, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, and rules in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 7, or 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).
- (i) Military service members and military veterans are exempt from certification application fees that are paid to the state that lead to initial certification. These members of the military community are exempt from paying the portion of the examination registration fee that is paid to the TEA.
- (j) Military service members and military veterans are exempt from certification application fees that are paid to the state that lead to initial certification resulting from a review of credentials, one-year certificate, or out-of-state standard certificate. These members of the military community are exempt from paying the portion of the examination registration fee that is paid to the TEA.
- (k) Military spouses are exempt from certification application fees that are paid to the state that lead to initial certification resulting from a review of credentials, three-year temporary certificate, or out-of-state standard certificate. These members of the military community are exempt from paying the portion of the examination registration fee that is paid to the TEA.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §234.5 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.041(b)(2) and (4); 21.044(a); 21.052(b-1), (c), and (d-1); and the Texas Occupations Code, §§55.001-55.004; 55.0041; and 55.005-55.009.

Source: The provisions of this §234.5 adopted to be effective August 28, 2016, 41 TexReg 6201; amended to be effective December 21, 2017, 42 TexReg 7142; amended to be effective December 22, 2019, 44 TexReg 7694.

§234.6. Review of Credentials and Issuance of Licensure to Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans.

- (a) To complete a review of credentials leading to issuance of licensure in Texas, military service members, military veterans, or military spouses must submit an application for review of credentials, copies of standard certificates issued in the other state(s), and official transcripts showing degree(s) conferred and date(s).
- (b) Upon completion of the review, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will notify each military service member, military veteran, or military spouse, as specified in paragraphs (1)-(3) of this subsection, to provide results of the licensure review and information on next steps in the licensure process as follows.
 - (1) Military service members will receive written results of the credentials review and be issued the Texas standard certificate that aligns with certificate areas issued in other states.

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- (2) Military spouses will receive written results of the credentials review and have the following three options to teach in Texas with:
 - (A) the license issued by another state department of education, confirmed by TEA to be in good standing;
 - (B) the Texas temporary three-year certificate already available under provisions in §234.5(d) of this title (relating to Certification of Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans); and
 - (C) the Texas standard certificate eligible for issuance immediately following a successful review of credentials by TEA and completion of a criminal background check.
 - (3) Military veterans will receive written results of the credentials review and be issued the Texas standard certificate that aligns with certificate areas issued in other states.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §234.6 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.041(b)(2) and (4); 21.044(a); 21.052(b-1), (c), and (d-1); and the Texas Occupations Code, §§55.001-55.004; 55.0041; and 55.005-55.009.

Source: The provisions of this §234.6 adopted to be effective December 22, 2019, 44 TexReg 7694.

§234.7. Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements for Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans.

- (a) Military service members, military spouses, and military veterans who hold a standard certificate(s) are responsible for certificate renewal and continuing professional education requirements pursuant to Chapter 232 of this title (relating to General Certification Provisions), except where specified in this chapter.
- (b) A military service member shall be exempted from any fee or penalty for failing to timely renew his or her Texas educator certificate if the delay occurred because the educator was serving as a military service member.
- (c) A military service member is entitled to two years of additional time to complete all continuing education requirements and any other requirements relating to the renewal of his or her Texas educator certificate.
- (d) The standard Texas certificate of a military service member, military spouse, or military veteran may be renewed if that certificate has expired within five years preceding the Texas application date.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §234.7 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.041(b)(2) and (4); 21.044(a); 21.052(b-1), (c), and (d-1); and the Texas Occupations Code, §§55.001-55.004; 55.0041; and 55.005-55.009.

Source: The provisions of this §234.7 adopted to be effective August 28, 2016, 41 TexReg 6201; amended to be effective December 21, 2017, 42 TexReg 7142; amended to be effective December 22, 2019, 44 TexReg 7694.