Information Related to Federal Regulations for Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) to Report Certification and Licensure Requirements of Other States to Candidates

A recently operationalized federal requirement for institutions of higher education (IHEs) requires disclosure of professional licensure requirements of other states to students. While this requirement is for IHEs, we at the Texas Education Agency (TEA) wanted to provide some resources that may support you in meeting this requirement. All resources below are outside resources, and TEA does not mandate or endorse any particular way for IHEs to engage in this work. Additionally, TEA has not thoroughly reviewed the resources below for accuracy or currency.

The State Authorization Network (SAN) has made public a roadmap document for IHEs to work towards compliance with this regulation. This document is available here.

As another resource, the Education Commission of the States publishes a comparison of state policy on teacher license requirements, which is available here. Updated June 6, 2020, this informational site also links to each state’s specific licensure information for educators coming from outside the state. In addition, each state’s specific information regarding additional assessments required of out-of-state teachers is available here.

Another resource is the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement, which facilitates the mobility of educators among the 47 states, District of Columbia, Department of Defense Education Activity, and Guam, that have signed the Agreement. Licensure requirements for out-of-state educators are listed by state here, including an interactive map tool by state here.

Please note that the out-of-state requirements vary by state and can change without notice. In addition, jurisdiction licensure requirements may be affected by other factors such as teaching experience and coursework. Therefore, it is very important that individuals seeking licensure in another state obtain the most recent certification/licensure information directly from the state in which they seek employment. You can find contact information on each state licensure office here.