

Critical Shortage Area Certification Exam Reimbursement Opportunity

Frequently Asked Questions

- *Please view the FAQ table below for more information related to the Critical Shortage Area Certification Exam Reimbursement Opportunity.*

The FAQ will be updated periodically to include new or updated information

❖ **How much funding will each program receive?**

Funding for each program is proportional to the overall amount of candidates certified in the 2019- 2022 academic years and across the approved critical shortage areas. Therefore, funding will vary for each program. TEA staff will provide detailed information to program points of contact and certification officers. This information will include the total amount of funding available.

❖ **How are candidates selected for receipt of a teacher certification exam voucher?**

TEA staff does not provide teacher candidates with exam voucher codes. Programs may determine which candidates receive an exam voucher based on many different factors. Given the variety of programs and program calendars, educator preparation programs have the discretion to decide how best to utilize their allotted funds and disseminate exam vouchers.

❖ **Will an opportunity like this be offered in additional academic years?**

As of now, this opportunity to receive reimbursements for exam voucher purchases is only available April-Sept. 2023.

❖ **Which certification exam are eligible for exam voucher reimbursement?**

Please see the table below for a list of shortage-area aligned certification exams eligible for exam voucher purchase reimbursement.

❖ **Who should candidates and programs contact for questions or more information?**

- Candidates and supporting faculty members should contact their programs for more information related to this opportunity.
- Programs should contact Kelly Torrey (Kelly.torrey@tea.texas.gov) for more information related to funding per program and the reimbursement process.

Critical Shortage Area Eligible Certification Exams

- Exam vouchers purchased and used for the exams below are eligible for reimbursement.
- Each exam listed costs \$116 per candidate voucher except for the *217 ELAR 4-8 and 370 PPR for T&I exams.
- *The 217 ELAR 4-8 and 370 PPR for T&I exams are the only exams listed that cost \$136 per candidate.

| Bilingual/ESL | Special Education | CTE (Secondary) | Technology App/Comp. Sci. | Mathematics (Secondary) | Science (Secondary) | ELAR (Secondary) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 164 Bilingual Education Supplemental TExES • 184 American Sign Language (ASL) EC-12 TExES • 073 Texas Assessment of Sign Communications- American Sign Language (TASC-ASL) • 190 Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test(BTLPT) – Spanish TExES • 154 ESL Supplemental TExES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 181 Deaf and Hard of Hearing EC- 12 TExES • 072 TASC • 073 TASC- ASL • 161 Special Education EC-12 TExES • 163 Special Education Supplemental TExES • 182 Visually Impaired TExES • 283 Braille TExES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 272 Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources 6-12 TExES • 276 Business and Finance 6-12 TExES • 273 Health Science 6-12 TExES • 275 Marketing 6-12 TExES • 370 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities for Trade and Industrial Education 6-12 TExES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 242 Technology Applications EC-12 TExES* • 171 Technology Education 6-12 TExES • 241 Computer Science 8-12 TExES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 115 Mathematics 4-8 TExES • 235 Mathematics 7-12 TExES • 114 Mathematics/Science 4-8 TExES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 116 Science 4-8 TExES • 240 Chemistry 7-12 TExES • 238 Life Science 7-12 TExES • 237 Physical Science 6-12 TExES • 274 Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering 6-12 TExES • 243 Physics/Mathematics 7-12 TExES • 236 Science 7-12 TExES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 113 ELAR/Social Studies 4-8 TExES • *217 ELAR 4-8 TExES • 231 ELAR 7-12 TExES • 256 Journalism 7-12 TExES • 129 Speech 7-12 TExES |