



## English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) 4-8 (TEXES #217)

### CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION TESTING REQUIREMENTS

| Before 1/01/2022  | 01/01/2022 08/01/2022   | 08/01/2022 and beyond  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Candidates take ELAR (117)</li> <li>Take STR (293)</li> <li>Take PPR or edTPA</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Candidates take ELAR 4-8 (217)</li> <li>Take STR (293)</li> <li>Take PPR or edTPA</li> </ul> |  |
|   | Exam Introductory Period through <b>08/01/2022</b>  | English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) 4-8 (TEXES #217) exam introductory period through <b>08/01/2022</b> . |

| Frequently Asked Questions  | Answers   |
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| <b>Exam Launch and Candidate Registration</b>   |   |
| <b>When does the ELAR 4-8 (217) exam launch?</b>  | The 217 exam is scheduled to launch <b>January 1, 2022</b> , with a first score reporting date of <b>January 21, 2022</b> .   |
| <b>When can candidates begin registering for this exam?</b>                               | For candidates that already have approval to take the exam, the ELAR 4-8 (217) will auto populate for them. Candidates could begin registering for this redesigned exam in <b>October 2021</b> .  |
| <b>When is the first score reporting for the ELAR 4-8 (217) exam?</b>                     | The first score reporting date will be <b>January 21, 2022</b> .  |
| <b>Who should take the ELAR 4-8 (217)?</b>  | Candidates seeking an intern, probationary and/or standard certification in ELAR 4-8 (217) exam. Any candidate who enrolls in their program as of summer 2021 or has not completed the testing requirements prior to December 31, 2021 will take the 217 exam.  |
| <b>Will this exam have an introductory period, and if so, what can candidates expect?</b> | The ELAR 4-8 (217) exam introductory period will be from <b>January 2022 through August 2022</b> . During the exam introductory period, an initial cut score will be established to support the transition into the new exam. Within the introductory period, candidates must meet a minimum threshold of items correct to pass the exam. Expect more information soon. |
| <b>Exam Transition and Program Requirements</b>   |   |
| <b>What is the deadline for candidates to take the current ELAR 4-8 (117) Exam?</b>       | The last day for candidates to take the ELAR 4-8 (117) exam will be <b>December 31, 2021</b> . The last registration date will be   |

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|  | <b>December 29, 2021</b> with score reporting through <b>January 2022</b> .   |
| <b>How long may candidates use the passing score on the current ELAR 4-8 exam?</b>             | The last day that a certificate may be recommended by the EPP using the ELAR 4-8 (117) exam results is <b>October 30, 2022</b> , exactly one year from the launch of the ELAR (217) exam. Candidates must communicate with their EPPs to determine all program requirements that must be completed prior to recommendation for certification.   |
| <b>Candidate Preparation Resources</b>   |   |
| <b>What resources exist for candidates to prepare for the exam?</b>                            | <p>The TEA has produced, in partnership with Pearson, a publicly accessible preparation manual and an interactive practice test. The preparation manual is publicly available and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The examination framework</li> <li>• Approaches to answering different question types</li> <li>• Sample selected-response questions</li> <li>• In-depth rationales for correct and incorrect responses</li> <li>• A sample constructed response question</li> <li>• Sample strong and weak constructed-responses and rationales</li> <li>• A list of preparation resources</li> </ul> <p>The interactive practice test provides candidates with the opportunity to engage with the exam experience, complete with correct responses and response rationales.</p> |
| <b>When will the preparation manual for this exam be available for candidates to purchase?</b> | The preparation manual for the redesigned ELAR (217) was made publicly available on the Texas Program Website in <b>late summer 2021</b> .  |
| <b>When will the interactive practice test be available for candidates to purchase?</b>        | Both the representative exam and the interactive practice test will be available for purchase in <b>Spring 2022</b> . TEA and the testing vendor, Pearson, will provide communication as these materials become available to educator preparation programs and candidates.  |