

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

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CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Important Dates to Remember	
August 31, 2022	ELAR 4-8 (#217) exam introductory period ends.
October 16, 2022	The last day for candidates to register for STR to meet October 30 deadline and use ELAR 4-8 (#117) exam scores.
October 28, 2022	The last STR score reporting date that allows candidates to use ELAR 4-8 (#117) passing score for certification.
October 30, 2022	Per 19 TAC §233.3(b) the last day that a certificate may be recommended by the EPP using the ELAR 4-8 (#117) exam results.

Frequently Asked Questions	Answers
Exam Launch and Candidate Registration	
When did the ELAR 4-8 (217) exam launch?	The #217 exam launched January 1, 2022 , with a first score reporting date of January 21, 2022 .
Does this exam have an introductory period? If so, when does it end?	The ELAR 4-8 (217) exam introductory period will be from January 2022 through August 2022 . 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.
What should I do if I need an alternative testing arrangement?	Information on requesting alternative testing arrangements can be found on the Pearson website or by calling 1-800-877-4599. Please allow several weeks for processing.
Exam Transition and Program Requirements	
How long may candidates use the passing score on the previous exam, ELAR 4-8 (#117), for certification?	Per 19 TAC §233.3(b), the last day that a certificate may be recommended by the EPP using the ELAR 4-8 (#117) exam results is October 30, 2022 . To be issued an ELAR 4-8 certificate using a passing score on exam #117 before the expiration date of the exam, you will need to apply and pay for the certificate, pay for and complete fingerprinting, and be recommended by your EPP on or before October 30, 2022.
Will I have to take and pass the STR by the deadline in the question above to acquire my ELAR 4-8 certification?	Yes, in order to receive a certification in ELAR 4-8 and use a passing score on the previous exam, ELAR 4-8 (#117), a candidate will also need to have passed the STR, in addition to the PPR (#160) or edTPA, by the October 30, 2022 deadline. The last possible date to take the STR to meet this deadline will be <u>October 16</u> with scores reporting <u>October 28</u>.
Candidate Preparation Resources	
What resources exist for candidates to prepare for the exam?	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The examination framework • Approaches to answering different question types

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample selected-response questions • In-depth rationales for correct and incorrect responses • A sample constructed response question • Sample strong and weak constructed-responses and rationales • A list of preparation resources <p>The interactive practice test provides candidates with the opportunity to engage with the exam experience, complete with correct responses and response rationales.</p>
<p>When will the preparation manual for this exam be available for candidates to purchase?</p>	<p>The preparation manual for the redesigned ELAR (217) was made publicly available on the Texas Program Website in late summer 2021. It is linked here.</p>
<p>When will the interactive practice test be available for candidates to purchase?</p>	<p>The interactive practice test will be available for purchase in Fall 2022. TEA and the testing vendor, Pearson, will provide communication as these materials become available to educator preparation programs and candidates.</p>