

# Bilingual Special Education EC-12 (187)

## Candidate Certification Testing Requirements

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### Important Dates to Remember

Fall 2027	• Programs begin applying to offer certification
Spring 2028	• Prep Manual available
Summer 2028	• Rep Exam/Interactive Practice Test available
September 2028	• Bilingual Special Education EC-12 (187) Exam Launch

### Frequently Asked Questions

### Answers

#### Exam Launch and Candidate Registration

When does this exam launch?	The new Bilingual Special Education EC-12 (187) exam is scheduled to launch in <b>September 2028</b> .
Who should take the new Bilingual Special Education EC-12 (185) exam?	Candidates seeking a supplemental certification in Bilingual Special Education EC-12 should take the 187 Bilingual Special Education EC-12 exam. <b>Note:</b> the Bilingual Special Education EC-12 exam is not available for Certification by Exam.
How will candidates earn a Bilingual Special Education Supplemental EC-12 certificate?	To earn a supplemental Bilingual Special Education EC-12 certificate, candidates must take and pass the following exams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>PPR/edTPA</i></li><li>• <i>Content pedagogy exam (ex. 331 ELAR 7-12)</i></li><li>• <i>165 Bilingual Spanish Supplemental</i></li><li>• <i>187 Bilingual Special Education</i></li></ul>

#### Program Requirements

Is this a new certification area?	Yes. The Bilingual Special Education EC-12 (187) certificate represents a new certification area.
Will programs have to apply to offer the Bilingual Special Education EC-12 certification?	Yes. Programs seeking to offer the new Bilingual Special Education EC-12 certificate will need to submit an application for a new certification field. Programs must have an accreditation status of <b>Accredited</b> to apply, and there is a <b>\$500 fee</b> for this application. Additional information will be shared as application materials become available

#### Exam Preparation and Resources

When will the Preparation Manual for this exam be available?	The preparation manual for the Bilingual Special Education EC-12 (187) exam will be available in <b>Spring 2028</b> .
When will the Representative and Practice exams be available?	Both the representative and practice exams will be available <b>Summer 2028</b> .
What can I expect during the introductory period?	There will not be an introductory period for this exam. All candidates must meet the minimum passing standard recommended by the committee. Standard-setting activities will conclude in Fall 2027. Following these activities, the passing standard can be found in the <a href="#">Commissioner's Rules Concerning Passing Standards for Educator Certification Examinations</a> .