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TO: Registered and Authorized Providers of School Board Training

FROM: Texas Education Agency

SUBJECT: *[Action Required]* New Eligibility Requirements for Providers of School Board Trustee Training

Dear Registered and Authorized Providers,

Thank you for your service to Texas school children by training Texas school boards. We are writing to inform you of important updates that will impact all individuals and organizations currently approved to provide training to Texas school board trustees, pursuant to new requirements adopted by the State Board of Education (SBOE). These updates include new eligibility criteria and requirements to qualify for registered or authorized provider status.

New Requirements

During its November 2024 meeting, the SBOE adopted amendments to <u>19 TAC § 61.1</u> related to providers of school board training. The amendments—all of which become effective on August 25, 2025—include the following changes:

- Organizations cannot be designated as registered or authorized providers and can no longer issue credit for providing school board training;
- To qualify for approval as a registered or authorized provider, all applicants must be fingerprinted;¹
- To qualify for approval as a registered or authorized provider, all applicants must be college graduates;
- Individuals who have been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude cannot become registered or authorized providers.

All of these amendments must be implemented no later than August 25, 2025, and any individuals desiring to provide school board training to Texas school boards after the effective date must satisfy the new requirements. Accordingly, **currently existing provider numbers for** <u>all</u> **registered and authorized providers will expire on August 24, 2025.** Individuals seeking to train school boards after August 24, 2025, must submit a new application through the TEA website that will incorporate the updated SBOE requirements.

¹ Exemptions from the fingerprinting requirement will apply to commissioned law enforcement officers, attorneys licensed in Texas, employees of Texas school districts, and holders of valid certificates from the Texas State Board of Educator Certification.

Organizations will not be permitted to reapply, and provider numbers for all currently registered organizations will permanently expire on August 24, 2025.

Application Process

Interested individuals can submit a registered provider application starting today. The new application is available at <u>this link</u>. The Texas Education Agency will process applications as they are received, but because of the anticipated volume of registrations, a guaranteed approval date cannot be provided. It is strongly recommended that providers apply as soon as possible to minimize the risk of a lapse in their status.

If your current provider number expires before August 25, 2025 and you wish to continue providing training in the interim, please submit an application under the <u>existing process</u>.

Authorized Providers

Authorized providers must meet the same requirements as registered providers. As such, to continue providing training after August 24, 2024, authorized providers must also submit a new application. However, authorized providers <u>will not</u> be required to retake the mandatory *Evaluating and Improving Student Outcomes (EISO)* training-of-trainers until the updated version is released later this year.

Additional Guidance

The State Board of Education has also established expectations for the conduct of board trainers. Prospective providers should review the requirements outlined in <u>19 TAC § 61.1.</u>

Please contact <u>boardtraining@tea.texas.gov</u> if you have any questions or need assistance with the application process.