

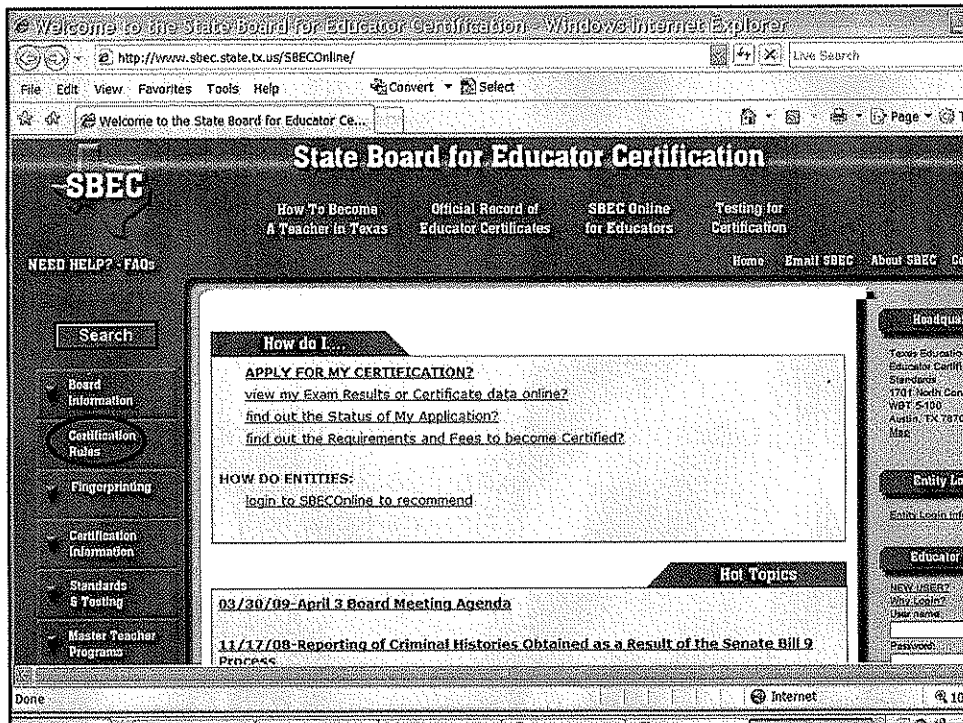
Certification Update

Texas Education Agency
Educator Certification and Standards

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Discussion Topics

- › Revisions to Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification
- › New Chapter 231, Assignment of Public School Personnel
- › Revisions to Chapter 241, Principal Certificate
- › Revisions to Chapter 242, Superintendent Certificate
- › Proposed Amendments to Chapter 239, Student Services Certificates
- › Proposed Repeal of Chapter 240, American Sign Language Certificate
- › Generalist EC-6 Certificates
- › Bilingual Certificates and Oral Proficiency Tests
- › LOTE Certificates
- › Probationary Certificates
- › House Bill 4152 – Impact on Out-of-State Review Process
- › “Virtual” Certificates vs. Paper Certificates



Revisions to Chapter 230

- ▶ Routine 4-year rule review complete with revisions
- ▶ Clean up language – SBEC/TEA
- ▶ Definitions moved from Subchapter Y to A
- ▶ Former Subchapter A became Subchapter B
- ▶ Repeal of rules for certificates that have been eliminated and replaced with new ones
- ▶ Update permit rules in Subchapter Q
- ▶ Delete Subchapters G, J and U
- ▶ Replaced Subchapter U with Chapter 231, Assignment of Public School Personnel
- ▶ Rule revisions in Chapters 230 and 231 became effective in June 2009.

Revisions to Permit Rules – Chapter 230, Subchapter Q

- ▶ Revisions effective for 2009-2010 School Year
- ▶ Realigned grade levels – EC-6, 7-12
- ▶ Clean up language to reflect online process
- ▶ Remove permit rules for eliminated certificates
(Example: Supervisor)
- ▶ School Counselor, School Librarian, and Educational Diagnostician to match certificate requirements – no classroom certificate needed and teaching experience is now 2 years
- ▶ Renewals may be completed online

New Chapter 231- Assignment of Public School Personnel

New Chapter 231 combines assignment rules for “old” and “new” certificates in one chapter, one chart.

Effective date: June 21, 2009

Chapter 230, Subchapter U is eliminated.

Chapter 233 will remain since it contains the descriptions for the current certificates and their effective dates.

Principal Rule Revisions – Chapter 241

- ▶ Revisions will be effective October 2009
- ▶ Valid teaching certificate will be required
- ▶ Master's degree from an accredited institution accepted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- ▶ Knowledge of guidance and counseling program
- ▶ Reorganization of content for better readability
- ▶ Repeal of Principal Assessment – HB 200

Superintendent Rule Revisions – Chapter 242

- ▶ Revisions will be effective October 2009
- ▶ General Provisions section added
- ▶ Superintendent can serve as principal or assistant principal
- ▶ Master's degree from an accredited institution accepted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- ▶ Knowledge of guidance and counseling program
- ▶ Principal certificate or an equivalent, such as Mid-Management Administrator required for issuance of the Standard Certificate
- ▶ Reorganization of content for better readability

Rule Review for Student Services and ASL Certificates

TAC Chapter 239 includes:

- ▶ School Counselor EC-12 (Subchapter A)
- ▶ School Librarian EC-12 (Subchapter B)
- ▶ Educational Diagnostician EC-12 (Subchapter C)
Proposed revisions include the requirement of a teaching certificate for admission to an educator preparation program and issuance of the certificate.
- ▶ Reading Specialist EC-12 (Subchapter D)
The above four certificates require a master's degree, 2 years of classroom teaching experience, preparation program, and TExES test.
- ▶ Master Teachers (Subchapter E) – Reading, Math, Science, Technology
- ▶ The proposed revisions to this chapter have been SBEC adopted and are pending SBOE review.

TAC Chapter 240 - rules for the old American Sign Language Certificate

- ▶ The repeal of this chapter has been SBEC approved and is pending SBOE review.
- ▶ The new ASL certificate is in Chapter 233.

Generalist EC-6 Certificates

- ▶ Amendments to TAC 233.2, 233.6, 233.7 created
Generalist EC-6 certificates (General Ed, Bilingual and ESL)
- ▶ Tests for Generalist EC-6 and PPR EC-6 were available in June 27, 2009 administration – paper-based test
- ▶ Tests for Bilingual and ESL Generalist available on Oct 31, 2009
- ▶ Generalist EC-4 certificates will be phased out in 2011
- ▶ 4-8 certificates will remain

Bilingual Certificates – TAC 233.6

Current Certificates:

Bilingual Generalist EC-4 – covers bilingual, ESL and general education PK-4th grade most subjects – will be eliminated in fall 2011

Bilingual Generalist 4-8 – covers bilingual, ESL and general education 4-8 (ELR, Math, SST, Science)

Bilingual Supplemental EC-4 or 4-8 – covers bilingual, ESL or general education at grade level and in subject areas of the base certificates – will be eliminated in fall 2011

New Bilingual Generalist EC-6 – covers bilingual, ESL and general education PK-6th grade most subjects – Test available Oct 31, 2009

New Bilingual Supplemental – Now available with no grade level attached – will be valid at grade level and in subject area of the base certificates – Effective June 21, 2009 – Test became available June 27, 2009

Old Certificates – Bilingual Endorsement, Bilingual PK-6, 1-6, 1-8 – covers bilingual and ESL at the grade level of the base certificate

Bilingual Proficiency Tests

Bilingual certificates require proficiency tests in the language of the target population, such as the Texas Oral Proficiency Test (TOPT) – last administration 2010, good through fall 2011

or

New Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test (BTLPT): First test March 28, 2009 – comprehensive examination in all aspects of communication – Test Windows

or

NEW: ACTFL for Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese – must take oral and written tests – standards set June 2009

Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Grades EC-12 Certificates – TAC 233.15

- ▶ American Sign Language – TExES and TASC-ASL
- ▶ Arabic – ACTFL – two tests – oral and written
- ▶ Chinese - ACTFL – two tests – oral and written
- ▶ Japanese - ACTFL – two tests – oral and written
- ▶ Russian - ACTFL – two tests – oral and written
- ▶ Vietnamese - ACTFL – two tests – oral and written

- ▶ French (Fall 2009) – TExES – combined test
- ▶ German (Fall 2009) – TExES – combined test
- ▶ Spanish (Fall 2009) – TExES – combined test
- ▶ Latin (Fall 2010) – TExES – combined test

- ▶ Written and communication tests for each
- ▶ Currently, French, German, Latin, and Spanish are Secondary 6-12 with ExCET tests and TOPT for French and Spanish

Probationary Certificate – TAC 232.4

- ▶ Bachelor's degree, except for Trade and Industrial Education candidates
- ▶ Enrolled in a Texas educator preparation program
- ▶ Employed in a Texas school in the subject area and at the grade level of the certificate sought
- ▶ Mentoring and high-quality professional development prior to and throughout the assignment
- ▶ Supervision from the program
- ▶ Issued for 12 months, can be renewed for two annual terms
- ▶ Three-year maximum on less than standard credentials

Probationary Certificate – Content Mastery

All teachers in core academic subjects must demonstrate content mastery of each subject taught.

Elementary Grades PK-6 – pass appropriate content TExES test

Secondary Grades 7-12 – pass content TExES test

OR

24 sem hrs with 12 sem hrs upper division in the subject taught

Probationary Certificate Special Education Assignments

Elementary Special Education PK-6 in core subjects

Pass the appropriate content test for the assignment

AND

Pass the Special Education EC-12 test

Probationary Certificate Special Education Assignments

Secondary Special Education 7-12 in core subjects

Pass the appropriate content test

OR

Academic major of 24 semester hours with 12 upper division

AND

Pass the Special Education EC-12 test

HB 4152 – Out-of-State/Out-of-Country Teachers

Allows extended time for out-of-state and out-of-country teacher to complete testing requirements in certain circumstances.

- ▶ May issue Second One-Year Certificate, if eligible.

Processing of reviews for persons in critical shortage areas of Math, Science, Bilingual, Special Education, foreign languages:

- ▶ Expediting of complete applications
- ▶ 14 days from date of completed application—includes receipt of all documents and fees required for review of credentials

Going “Green” with Certificates

- ▶ Virtual Certificate is the Official Record of the educator’s certificate
- ▶ Effective April 2009, paper copies only upon request at the time of the application
- ▶ Always check the virtual certificate, even if you are presented with a paper certificate

Contact Information

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Updated website accessed from the TEA home page:
www.tea.state.tx.us. Click on Educator Certification on left side of home page.

Former website:
www.sbec.state.tx.us