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Chapter 230. Professional Educator Preparation and Certification

Subchapter H. Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States

§230.111. General Provisions.

- (a) A Texas educator certificate may be issued to an individual who holds a college degree and an appropriate certificate or credential issued by the authorized licensing agency in another state or territory of the United States and who meets appropriate requirements specified in §230.11 of this title (relating to General Requirements) and elsewhere in this subchapter.
- (b) The degree held by an applicant from another state or territory of the United States must be equivalent to at least a bachelor's degree issued by an accredited institution of higher education.
- (c) The certificate or other credential issued by the authorized licensing agency in another state or territory of the United States may not be a temporary permit, a credential issued by a city or school district, a specific examination or renewal requirement, or a certificate for which academic or other program deficiencies are indicated.
- (d) A statement, approval letter, or certification entitlement card must be issued by the authorized licensing agency in another state or territory of the United States specifying eligibility for full certification upon employment.
- (e) The certificate and areas of certification issued by the authorized licensing agency in another state or territory of the United States must be equivalent to a certificate or grade level that is within the early childhood-Grade 12 level and approved by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC). The Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff shall identify the certification areas for which the applicant qualifies in Texas. The certificate(s) for which the applicant qualifies may be issued by the TEA staff under the authority of the SBEC.
- (f) If a Texas examination or certification is scheduled to be eliminated, an individual requesting certification and examination comparability must ensure that the application and all review documentation, including test scores, are received by TEA staff 60 calendar days before the application submission deadline for the examination and/or certification sought.

§230.113. Requirements for Texas Certificates Based on Certification from Other States or Territories of the United States.

- (a) An applicant for a standard Texas certificate based on a certificate issued in accordance with §230.111 of this title (relating to General Provisions) must pass the appropriate examination requirements prescribed in the Texas Education Code (TEC), §21.048(a), and §230.21 of this title (relating to Educator Assessment) or achieve an acceptable level of performance on an examination(s) similar to and at least as rigorous as that prescribed in the TEC, §21.048(a), and §230.21 of this title that was administered to the applicant under the authority of another state or territory of the United States. The applicant shall verify in a manner determined by the Texas Education Agency staff the level of performance on acceptable examinations administered under the authority of another state or territory of the United States.
- (b) If all certification requirements are met except the appropriate examination requirements, the applicant may request issuance of a one-year certificate in one or more certification areas authorized on the out-of-state certificate. An applicant who holds only a student services, principal, or superintendent certificate issued in accordance with Chapter 239 of this title (relating to Student Services Certificates), with the exception of Subchapter E (relating to Master Teacher Certificate); Chapter 241 of this title (relating to Principal Certificate); or Chapter 242 of this title (relating to Superintendent Certificate) may be issued the equivalent Texas certificate. The applicant must verify two creditable years of service in an Early Childhood-Grade 12 public or accredited private school in the specific student services or administrative area sought.

- (c) After satisfying all requirements, including all appropriate examination requirements, the applicant is eligible to receive the appropriate standard certificate issued under Subchapter D of this chapter (relating to Types and Classes of Certificates Issued).
- (d) An applicant issued a one-year certificate under this section who does not complete the appropriate examination requirements to establish eligibility for a standard certificate during the validity of the one-year certificate, is not eligible for any type of certificate or permit authorizing employment for the same certificate until he or she has satisfied the appropriate examination requirements. If examination requirements are not met during the validity period of the one-year certificate due to circumstances beyond the control of the educator, the employing school district may request an extension not to exceed one calendar year in length.
- (e) An employing superintendent may apply for a nonrenewable permit for a teacher who does not pass the pedagogy and professional responsibilities portion of the certification examinations but does pass the appropriate content specialization portions of the examination during the validity of the one-year certificate. The nonrenewable permit shall be valid for no more than 12 months from the date the individual first attempts the pedagogy and professional responsibilities examination.
- (f) An applicant shall not be required to complete the content specialization portion of the certification examination in a certification area for which he or she does not seek standard certification.
- (g) An applicant issued a one-year certificate under this section who, during or subsequent to the validity of the certificate, establishes eligibility for a standard certificate may apply for:
 - (1) a new one-year certificate in another certification area based on an acceptable certificate from another state or territory of the United States; or
 - (2) a second one-year certificate in an area previously authorized on a one-year certificate provided the applicant was not assigned to the area and has not attempted the appropriate examination requirements for that area.

§230.115. Requests for Evaluation of College Credentials.

- (a) A request to evaluate an applicant's credentials for areas of certification that are not identified on the certificate issued in accordance with §230.111 of this title (relating to General Provisions) must be directed to an approved Texas educator preparation program (EPP). The appropriate Texas certificate will be issued upon recommendation by the EPP.
- (b) An individual who does not hold a certificate issued in accordance with §230.111 of this title must have his or her credentials evaluated through an approved Texas EPP and be recommended by the EPP for certification.

§230.117. Application Procedures.

- (a) An individual who meets the requirements of this subchapter may apply for a review of his or her credentials and issuance of the appropriate Texas certificate according to procedures approved by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff. A review of credentials and payment of related fees are required for all applicants. The review of credentials will only be valid for the standards existing at the time of the review.
- (b) An individual who does not submit all required documents for the review at the time of the application will have one year to submit all required documents or the individual will be required to reapply and resubmit the application fee.