



**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**PUBLIC AND STUDENT BENEFIT:** The review of 19 TAC Chapter 245 will result in clearly defined rules and requirements for individuals to obtain Texas certification based on already being certified to teach in other countries.

**PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:** None.

**LOCALLY MAINTAINED PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The public comment period on the proposed rule review begins March 31, 2017, and ends May 1, 2017. The SBEC will take registered oral and written comments on this item at the June 9, 2017 meeting in accordance with the SBEC board operating policies and procedures.

**ALTERNATIVES:** None.

**OTHER COMMENTS AND RELATED ISSUES:** None.

**ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:** I recommend that the State Board for Educator Certification:

Approve the proposed review of 19 TAC Chapter 245, Certification of Educators from Other Countries, to be published as proposed in the *Texas Register*.

**Staff Member Responsible:** Marilyn Cook, Director  
Educator Certification and Testing

**Attachments:**

- I. Statutory Citations
- II. Text of 19 TAC Chapter 245, Certification of Educators from Other Countries

**ATTACHMENT I**

**Statutory Citations Relating to Review of 19 TAC Chapter 245,**

**Texas Education Code, §21.050, Academic Degree Required for Teaching Certificate; Internship:**

- (a) A person who applies for a teaching certificate for which board rules require a bachelor's degree must possess a bachelor's degree received with an academic major or interdisciplinary academic major, including reading, other than education, that is related to the curriculum as prescribed under Subchapter A, Chapter 28.
- (b) The board may not require more than 18 semester credit hours of education courses at the baccalaureate level for the granting of a teaching certificate. The board shall provide for a minimum number of semester credit hours of internship to be included in the hours needed for certifi





Creditable Years of Service) and the TEC, §5.001(2), in the specific student services or administrative area sought.

- (c) An applicant issued a one-year certificate under §232.1 of this title (relating to Types of Certificates) and this chapter who does not satisfy 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 certification level or area until he or she has satisfied the examination requirements. If, due to extenuating circumstances, examination requirements are not met during the validity period of the one-year certificate, the educator may request an extension of the one-year certificate, not to exceed one calendar year in length.
- (d) An applicant issued a one-year certificate under subsection (c) of this section who, during or subsequent to the validity of the one-year certificate, satisfies the appropriate examination requirements and establishes eligibility for a standard certificate may apply for:
  - (1) a new one-year certificate in another certification area based on a certificate or other credential issued by a another country; 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.

*Source: The provisions of this §245.5 adopted to be effective February 3, 2000, 25 TexReg 572; amended to be effective June 9, 2002, 27 TexReg 4701; amended to be effective June 23, 2010, 35 TexReg 5195.*

#### **§245.10. Application Procedures.**

- (a) An individual who has been issued an appropriate certificate or other credential by the authorized licensing agency in another country as specified in §245.1 of this title (relating to General Provisions) may apply for a review of credentials by submitting the following items to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff:
  - (1) a completed application;
  - (2) the original detailed report or course-by-course evaluation for professional licensing of all college-level credits prepared by a foreign credential evaluation service recognized by the TEA staff. The evaluation must verify that the individual:
    - (A) holds, at a minimum, the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree issued by an accredited

(c) Pursuant to §245.5(a) of the title, an applicant may apply for a standard certificate by submitting the