
Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A,
General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

SUMMARY: This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to adopt, subject to State Board of Education (SBOE) review, a proposed amendment to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions. The proposed amendment would update the definition of a *pilot exam* in §230.1(17) to indicate that the edTPA performance assessment pilot will be subject to review by the SBEC prior to

No changes are recommended to the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions as recommended in the attached report.

proposal would not require a written report or other paperwork to be completed by a principal or classroom teacher.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The public comment period on the proposal began January 1, 2021, and ended February 1, 2021. Any comments received will be provided to the SBEC under separate cover prior to the February 12, 2021 meeting. The SBEC will take registered oral and written comments on the proposal at the February 12, 2021 meeting in accordance with the SBEC board operating policies and procedures.

INTERIM ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve for adoption, subject to the State Board of Education (SBOE) review, the proposed amendment to 19 TAC 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions, with an effective date of 20 days after filing the adoption notice with the *Texas Register*.

Staff Members Responsible:

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Attachments:

- I. Statutory Citations
- II. Text of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions

ATTACHMENT I

**Statutory Citations Relating to Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230,
Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions,
§230.1, Definitions**

Texas Education Code, §21.041, Rules; Fees (excerpts):

- (b) The board shall propose rules that:
 - (1) provide for the regulation of educators and the general administration of this subchapter in a manner consistent with this subchapter;
 - (2) specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates;
 - (4) specify the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate;
- (c) The board shall propose a rule adopting a fee for the issuance and maintenance of an educator certificate that, when combined with any fees imposed under Subsection (d), is added to the total fee for the issuance and maintenance of an educator certificate.

temporary exemption certificate to a person entitled to an exemption under this subsection.

- (c-1) The results of an examination administered under this section are confidential and are not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code, unless the disclosure is regarding notification to a parent of the assignment of an uncertified teacher to a classroom as required by Section 21.057.
- (d) In this section:
- (1) "Hearing impairment" means a hearing impairment so severe that the person cannot process linguistic information with or without amplification.
 - (2) "Reliability" means the extent to which an experiment, test, or measuring procedure yields the same results on repeated trials.
 - (3) "Validity" means being:
 - (A) well-grounded or justifiable;
 - (B) relevant and meaningful;
 - (C) correctly derived from premises or inferences; and
 - (D)

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, Chapter 232 of this title (relating to General Certification Provisions), and Chapter 233 of this title (relating to Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates), shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) Accredited institution of higher education--An institution of higher education that, at the time it conferred the degree, was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- (2) Appropriate--Suitable for a particular purpose. The term denotes compliance with State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules and with SBEC procedures and policies posted on the Texas Education Agency website that are related to the stated particular purpose.
- (3) Candidate--An individual who has been formally or contingently admitted into an educator preparation program; also referred to as an enrollee or participant.
- (4) Certificate--Any educator credential issued by the State Board for Educator Certification under the authority of the Texas Education Code, Chapter 21, Subchapter B.
- (5) Certification class--

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- (13) Examination--A standardized test or assessment required by statute or State Board for Educator Certification rule that governs an individual's admission to an educator preparation program, certification as an educator, continuation as an educator, or advancement as an educator.
 - (14) Hearing impairment--As defined in the Texas Education Code, §21.048(d)(1), a hearing impairment so severe that the person cannot process linguistic information with or without amplification.
 - (15) Initial certification--The first Texas educator certificate for a particular class issued to an individual as specified in §230.33 of this title (relating to Classes of Certificates).
 - (16) Intern certificate--A type of certificate issued to a candidate who has passed all required content examinations and is completing requirements for certification through an approved educator preparation program.
 - (17) Pilot exam--~~A [a]~~ certification examination that is subject to review by the State Board for Educator Certification prior to September 1, 2022 [~~September 1, 2021~~].
 - (18) Private school--A non-public school whose educational program has been evaluated by a regional accrediting agency and whose program has met and is maintaining certain educational standards.
 - (19) Probationary certificate--A type of certificate issued to a candidate who has passed all required examinations and is completing requirements for certification through an approved educator preparation program.
 - (20) Professional class--A term that refers to certificates for duties other than classroom teacher (e.g., superintendent, principal, school counselor, school librarian, educational diagnostician, reading specialist, and master teachers).
 - (21) Standard certificate--A type of certificate issued to an individual who has met all requirements for a given class of certification, as specified in §230.33 of this title (relating to Classes of Certificates).
 - (22) Teacher--An individual who is required to hold a certificate issued under the Texas Education Code, Chapter 21, Subchapter B.
 - (23) Teacher of record--An educator who is employed by a school or district and who tet6.9 (e28r)-2.3 (t)2.i5.1 (ho 8 BC