

Texas Administrative Code: Certification

- General Requirements (230.11.b)
 - 18 years old
 - Criminal history review
 - Support and defend the US and Texas constitutions
 - English language proficiency
 - Successfully complete appropriate exams
 - Complete an approved EPP and receive certification recommendation
- Assessments
 - An exam may only be taken 5 times
 - After 5th unsuccessful attempt, a waiver must be requested and approved by TEA staff
 - Waiver requirements and processes can be found in 230.21.a
 - Examination requirements can be found in Figure 19 TAC 230.21(3)
 - Candidates with a hearing impairment may request exemption from examinations (230.25)
- Classes of Certificates
 - Superintendent
 - Principal
 - Classroom teacher
 - Reading specialist
 - Master teacher
 - School librarian
 - School counselor
 - Educational Diagnostician
- EPP must provide ongoing support to a candidate until (228.35.e.2.C.VI):
 - A standard certificate is issued
 - The candidate is not employed by the school or district
 - The candidate is released from the EPP
 - The candidate resigns from the EPP
- Types of Certificates
 - Standard certification (230.13)
 - Bachelor's degree (teacher)
 - Master's degree (non-teacher)
 - Completion of all EPP requirements
 - Pass all exams required for certification class and field
 - Preliminary Certifications and Permits (230.36.c)
 - May be issued for any class (230.36.a.1)
 - May not serve for more than three 12-month periods while holding a combination of preliminary certifications (230.36.c.4)
 - Candidates participating in an internship must either obtain an intern or probationary certification
 - Intern Certification (230.36)
 - Valid for 12 months maximum (230.21.c.4.A)
 - Bachelor's degree
 - Participating in an EPP
 - Teachers: Pass all of the appropriate certification *content* examinations (230.36.d.1)
 - Non-teachers: Meet all requirements established by the EPP (230.36.e.1)
 - 3 observations in 1st half | 2 observations in 2nd half
 - Probationary (230.37)
 - Valid for one 12-month period
 - Limited to two 12 month periods maximum (230.21.c.4.B)
 - Bachelor's degree
 - Participating in an EPP
 - Teachers: Pass all of the appropriate *content and PPR* certification examinations (230.37.d.2)
 - Non-teachers: Pass the appropriate certification examination (230.37.e.3)
 - 3 observations—One in each 3rd
 - Approval of additional year(s) of internship under probationary certification
 - First internship was not successful (228.35.e.2.C.v.I)
 - First internship was successful and candidate is making satisfactory progress

toward completing EPP requirements
(228.35.e.2.C.v.II)