

- 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 (230.21.a)
  - After 5<sup>th</sup> unsuccessful attempt, a waiver must be requested and approved by TEA staff (230.21.a.1)
  - Examination requirements can be found in Figure 19 TAC 230.21(e)
  - Candidates with a hearing impairment may request exemption from examinations (230.25)
- Classes of Certificates (230.33)
  - 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
- 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
  - Advanced certifications: 2 years teaching experience (3 for Ed Diag)
- Preliminary Certifications and Permits (230.31)
  - 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)
    - Advanced certifications: 2 years teaching experience (3 for Ed Diag)
    - 3 observations in 1<sup>st</sup> half | 2 observations in 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)
    - Advanced certifications: 2 years teaching experience (3 for Ed Diag)
    - Non-teachers: Pass the appropriate certification examination (230.37.e.3)
    - 3 observations—One in each 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - 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)