

ATTACHMENT II  
Text of Proposed New 19 TAC

**Chapter 152. Commissioner's Rules Concerning Examination Requirements**

**§152.1001. Exceptions to Examination Requirements for Individuals Certified Outside the State.**

(a) General provisions. Texas Education Code (TEC), §21.052(a-1), permits the commissioner of education to adopt rules establishing exceptions to the examination requirements prescribed by TEC, §21.052(a)(3), for an educator from outside the state to obtain a certificate in Texas.

(b) Definitions. The following words and terms, when used in this section, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) 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).

(2) 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 teacher).

(3) Texas review of credentials--An internal process completed by Texas Education Agency (TEA) to determine the certificate areas an applicant is eligible to pursue in Texas based on certificates issued by another state department of education or another country.

Applicants must submit an online application for a review of credenti7(o)-7.9s--7() TJ ET 126 405.72 379.68

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the responsibility of the issuing school district or charter school to ensure that service records are true and correct and that all service recorded on the service record was performed. btain a bachelo's degree from an institution of higher education that, at the

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time it conferred the degree, was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board;

(B) complete a state-approved educator preparation program, including student teaching or a teaching practicum, in the state where the standard certificate was issued;

(C) pass the examinations required by the state department of education or country of licensure for issuance of the standard certificate;

(D) hold a standard certificate issued by the state department of education or country of licensure that is equivalent to a Texas standard classroom or professional class certificate;

- (E) for an applicant certified as a classroom teacher, have one academic year of verifiable, full-time experience serving in the role and documented on a service record; and
  - (F) for an applicant certified in a professional class area only, have two academic years of verifiable, full-time experience serving in the role and documented on a service record.
- (2) Applicants from outside the state that meet requirements specified in subsection (c)(1) of this section must apply online for a review of credentials by the TEA and submit the following documents prior to being considered for an exception to the examination requirements for state licensure.
- (A) For candidates certified in another state, each applicant must submit the

- (1) TEA will review and verify all required documentation submitted as part of the Texas review of credentials. An individual who does not submit all required documents for the review at the time of the application will have one year from the original date of application to submit all required documents, or the individual will be required to reapply online and resubmit the application fee for a Texas review of credentials.
- (2) Applicants certified in a professional class other than classroom teacher (e.g., principal, superintendent, school counselor, school librarian, educational diagnostician, and master teacher) are required to provide a completed teacher service record that verifies and documents two years of experience in the role aligned with the professional class certificate area.
- (3) Once all required documentation has been submitted, reviewed, and verified to meet the Texas certification criteria, the applicant will be issued an exemption from state examination requirements by TEA in accordance with minimum requirements established