

Chapter 232. General Certification Provisions

Subchapter A. Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education Requirements

§232.1. General Provisions.

- (a) All educators should model the philosophy of ~~lifelong~~ learning; therefore, participation in professional development activities is expected of all educators. Activities must focus on the need of each educator to continually update his or her knowledge of current content, best practices, research, and technology that is relevant to his or her individual role as an educator. The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) shall ensure that requirements for renewal and continuing professional education are flexible to allow each individual educator to identify the activities ~~he or she~~ will complete to satisfy the SBEC's requirements.
- (b) This chapter provides the minimum requirements necessary to renew any class of certificate issued by the SBEC.
- (c) Each individual who holds a standard certificate(s) is responsible for renewing the certificate(s) and paying a fee for late renewal. Failure to receive notice of the renewal requirement or deadline does not excuse the individual's obligation to renew or pay applicable fees.
- (d) An educator may not renew a certificate if the individual fails to comply with the requirements of this subchapter.
- (e) Pursuant to the Texas Education Code, §21.003(a), an educator employed by a Texas public school district who fails to satisfy each of the requirements to renew his or her standard certificate(s) by the renewal date moves to inactive status and is ~~ineligible~~ for employment in a Texas public school district in a position for which a certificate is required until all appropriate requirements are satisfied. However, if an educator has completed the requirements for renewal and submitted a renewal application to the expiration date of the certificate, the certificate will not be considered to have expired.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §232.1 issued under the Texas Education Code, §21.003(a); 21.0031(f); 21.031; 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (7)-(9); 21.054; 21.0541; and 21.0543; and Texas Occupations Code, §55.002 and §55.003.

Source: The provisions of this §232.1 adopted to be effective August 21, 2012, 37 TexReg 5764, amended to be effective August 6, 2020, 45 TexReg 5345

§232.5. Renewal Date for Certificates.

- (a) The renewal date of a standard certificate shall be five years after the last day of the certificate holder's birth month.
- (b) If an educator holds multiple certificates, all certificates will be renewed concurrently and are subject to renewal after the last day of the certificate holder's birth month.

- (e) If all renewal requirements have been satisfied and submitted to the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the effective renewal date of a certificate or permit will not be affected by any TEA processing delay

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §232 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a); 21.0031(f); 21.031; 21.041(b)(1)(4) and (7)(9); 21.054; 21.0541; and 21.0543; and Texas Occupations Code, §55.002 and §55.003.

Source: The provisions of this §232 adopted to be effective August 2, 2012, 37 TexReg 5764, amended to be effective August 6, 2020, 45 TexReg 5345

§232.7. Requirements for Certificate Renewal.

- (a) The Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff shall develop procedures to:
 - (1) notify educators at least six months prior to the

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §232.9 issued under the Texas Education Code §§21.003(a); 21.0031(f); 21.031; 21.041(b)(1)(4) and (7)-(9); 21.054; 21.0541; and 21.0543; and Texas Occupations Code, §55.002 and §55.003.

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- (C) authoring a published work;
 - (4) developing, teaching, or presenting a CPE activity described in this section, not to exceed 10% of the required clock hours; and
 - (5) providing professional guidance as a mentor to another educator, not to exceed 30% of the required clock hours.
- (b) Completion of each CPE activity should be evidenced by documentation (e.g., transcripts, certificates of completion, or attendance logs).

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §232.15 issued under the Texas Education Code §§21.003(a); 21.0031(f); 21.031; 21.041(b)(4) and (7)-(9); 21.054; 21.0541; and 21.0543; and Texas Occupations Code, §55.002 and §55.003.

Source: The provisions of this §235 adopted to be effective August 2, 2012, 37 TexReg 5764 amended to be effective August 28, 2016, 41 TexReg 6195; amended to be effective August 4, 2020, 45 TexReg 5345

§232.16. Verification of Renewal Requirements.

- (a) Written documentation of completion of all activities applied toward continuing professional education (CPE) requirements shall be maintained by each educator.
- (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, by the date renewal is required, the educator shall verify through

- (6) private schools, as defined in §230.1 of this title (relating to Definitions); and
 - (7) professional membership associations or ~~profits~~ that have offered professional development in Texas for at least five years and have ~~tax~~ exempt status under 26 United States Code, §501(c)(3) (6), or a state association affiliated with a national ~~association~~ with tax ~~exempt~~ status.
- (b) If private companies, entities, and individuals provide CPE activities on behalf of a ~~pre~~ approved provider, the preapproved provider is responsible for ensuring compliance with quality and documentation requirements of §232.21 of this title.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §232.17 issued under the Texas Education Code §§21.003(a); 21.0031(f); 21.031; 21.041(b)(4) and (7)-(9); 21.054; 21.0541; and 21.0543; and Texas Occupations Code, §55.002 and §55.003.

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§232.19. Approval of Private Companies, Private Entities, and Individuals as Continuing Professional Education Providers

Private companies, private entities, and individuals seeking approval to provide continuing professional education (CPE) for Texas educators on their own behalf must apply for registration with the State Board for Educator Certification and must comply with the provisions of §232.21 of this title (relating to Provider Requirements).

- (1) The Texas Education Agency staff shall approve as a CPE provider any person, agency, or entity seeking to offer CPE activities that:
 - (A) submits provider information with types and methods of CPE activities;
 - (B) affirms compliance with all applicable statutes and rules; and
 - (C) prohibits discrimination in the provision of CPE activities to any certified educator.
- (2) It is the responsibility of the educator to verify the approval status of any CPE provider prior to completion of the CPE activities.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §232.19 issued under the Texas Education Code §§21.003(a); 21.0031(f); 21.031; 21.041(b)(4)

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