

**Chapter 230. Professional Educator Preparation and Certification****Subchapter B. General Certification Requirements****§230.11. General Requirements.**

- (a) The only credits and degrees acceptable for certification of educators are those earned ~~conferred~~ by accredited institutions of higher education. All credit hour requirements for certification are semester credit hours or their equivalent.
- (b) An applicant for a Texas educator certificate must:
- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
  - (2) submit to ~~the~~ criminal history review required by the Texas Education Code (TEC) §22.0831, not be disqualified by the TEC, §21.058, §21.060, or other Texas statute, and not be ~~a~~ subject to administrative denial pursuant to §249.12 of this title (relating to Administrative Denial; Appeal) or a pending proceeding under Chapter 249 of this title (relating to Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases);
  - (3) not be disqualified by federal law;
  - (4) be willing to support and defend the constitutions of the ~~United States~~ ~~State~~ and Texas;
  - (5) be able to communicate, listen, read, write, and comprehend the English language sufficiently to use it easily and readily in daily communication and teaching. English language proficiency shall be evidenced by one of the following:
    - (A) completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree at an accredited institution of higher education in the United States; or
    - (B) verification of minimum scaled ~~scores~~ on the Test of English as a Foreign Language internetBased Test (TOEFL iBT) of 24 ~~for~~ speaking, 22 for listening, 22 for reading, and 21 for writing; or
    - (C) an undergraduate or graduate degree ~~was~~ earned at an institution of higher education

- (D) qualify for a career and technical education certificate based on skill and experience specified in §233.14 of this title (relating to Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area)); or
  - (E) qualify under Chapter 245 of this title (relating to Certification of Educators from Other Countries).
- (c) An educator who has received a State Board for Educator Certification (SBE) standard certificate shall not be required to demonstrate English language proficiency as prescribed in subsection (b)(5)(B) and