



2008–09 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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What is the Texas Educator Certification Program?

Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §230.5(b) requires every person seeking educator certification in Texas to perform satisfactorily on comprehensive examinations. The purpose of the examinations is to ensure that each educator has the prerequisite content and professional knowledge necessary for an entry-level position in Texas public schools. The following programs were developed for this purpose.

- ▶ Texas Examinations of Educator Standards™ (TEGES™)
- ▶ Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas (ExCET)
- ▶ Texas Examinations for Master Teachers™ (TEMaT™)
- ▶ Texas Oral Proficiency Test™ (TOPT™)
- ▶ Texas Assessment of Sign Communication™ (TASC™)
- ▶ Texas Assessment of Sign Communication—American Sign Language™ (TASC–ASL™)

Further information about these programs and the examinations that are offered is available in each program's *Registration Bulletin* and on the ETS TEGES website. *Registration Bulletins* can be downloaded free of charge from the website.

How do I register for a test?

- ▶ The quickest and easiest way to register is through the ETS TEGES online registration system.
- ▶ Information and details about the registration process are in the *Registration Bulletin* for the test you are planning to take.
- ▶ Paper-based test dates and registration deadlines are on page 3 of this flyer.
- ▶ See registration steps for your test on the ETS TEGES website:
 - TEGES/ExCET
 - TEGeMaT
 - TOPT
 - TASC/TASC–ASL

Can I take the test by computer?

In an effort to provide greater access to testing and quicker score reporting, some tests are also available via computer. Computer-administered tests are administered on a continuous basis at specially equipped test centers. Currently, there are 20 TEGES tests that are offered via computer. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and can be submitted up to four business days before the test date. Scores for most computer-administered tests are reported within seven days of testing.

How much does it cost to take the test?

\$120	Test fee (per test)
\$240	Superintendent test (two-session test—both sessions are required)
\$ 35	Late registration fee (paper-based tests)
\$ 75	Emergency registration fee (paper-based tests)

Can alternate testing arrangements be made for test takers who need them?

- ▶ Monday testing can be arranged for test takers whose religious convictions prevent them from testing on Saturday or those who are members of the armed forces and have duties that prevent them from testing on Saturday.
- ▶ Nonstandard testing accommodations can be arranged for test takers with disabilities who require them. The *Bulletin Supplement for Test Takers with Disabilities* contains contact information, registration procedures, and forms.
- ▶ Further information and the *Supplement* are available in the Alternative Testing Arrangements section of the ETS TExES website.

What should I know about ID requirements?

Valid identification with **name**, **signature**, and **photograph** is required for admission to a test center. ID requirements are strictly enforced. Further information and a list of acceptable ID documents are available on the ETS TExES website.

What if I need to reschedule my test?

Requests to change your test, test date, test center, or test session can be made through the ETS TExES online registration system.

Where can I find test preparation materials?

Free test preparation manuals can be downloaded from the ETS TExES website. Each test preparation manual includes detailed test descriptions, sample questions with answers, and test-taking strategies.

When will my scores be available?

Scores for most computer-administered tests are reported within seven days of testing. Scores for paper-based tests that contain only multiple-choice questions are reported within three weeks of testing. Tests that contain multiple-choice and written-response questions are reported within four weeks of testing. See score reporting dates on page 3.

How do I apply for certification?

Application for certification does not proceed automatically based upon receipt of your scores by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). To apply for certification, you must go to the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) website and follow the application for certification instructions.

Contact Customer Service

Phone: 1-800-205-2626 (Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Central time)
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**2008–09 Texas Educator Certification Program
Paper-Based Test Dates**

TExES, ExCET, and TExMaT

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Emergency Registration Deadline	Score Reporting Date for Multiple-Choice Tests Only	Score Reporting Date for Multiple-Choice and Written-Response Tests
11/8/08	10/10/08	10/17/08	10/31/08	12/1/08	12/8/08
1/31/09 (all tests offered except TExMaT)	1/2/09	1/9/09	1/23/09	2/23/09	3/2/09
4/4/09	3/6/09	3/13/09	3/27/09	4/27/09	5/4/09
6/27/09 (all tests offered except TExMaT)	5/29/09	6/5/09	6/19/09	7/20/09	7/27/09
08/29/09	7/31/09	8/7/09	8/21/09	9/21/09	9/28/09

NOTE: Monday testing is on the Monday following the regular administration.

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Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Emergency Registration Deadline	Score Reporting Date
10/25/08	9/26/08	10/3/08	10/17/08	11/24/08
2/21/09	1/23/09	1/30/09	2/13/09	3/23/09
5/16/09	4/17/09	4/24/09	5/8/09	6/15/09

TASC and TASC-ASL

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Score Reporting Date
11/22/08	10/24/08	12/22/08
4/18/09	3/20/09	5/18/09