



Information for Candidates Regarding Pre-Admission Content Tests (PACT)

Significant changes to Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §227.10 (a)(3)(C) were approved by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) on October 10, 2008. The new rule allows degreed individuals who have never been admitted to an SBEC-approved Educator Preparation Program (EPP) to take Pre-Admission Content Tests (PACT) to demonstrate content proficiency for possible admission into an EPP in Texas. **Taking PACT does not ensure admittance into a program.** EPPs may have additional admission requirements.

If You Already Have a Bachelor's Degree or higher from an Accredited University

- ▶ You do not need EPP approval to register and take a content examination.
- ▶ You do need EPP approval to test if you are seeking a certification other than classroom teacher or a certification with specific skill and experience requirements — Educational Diagnostician, Health Science Technology, Marketing, Principal, Reading Specialist, School Counselor, School Librarian, Superintendent and all of the Master Teacher certifications. The TEA approval system will remain the same as it was before the rule change.
- ▶ PACT participants cannot register to take Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) examinations without EPP approval. Your EPP must upload approval to test in the TEA approval system before you will be able to register for PPR examinations.

If You Are a College/University Undergraduate and Are Seeking Initial Teacher Certification

- ▶ You must be approved by your EPP for content area and PPR examinations. Your EPP will upload approval into the TEA test approval system. EPP approval must be given prior to registering for any certification examinations.

If You Are Seeking a Certification Other Than Classroom Teacher or a Certification with Specific Skill and Experience Requirements

- ▶ If you are in a program seeking a certification other than classroom teacher or a certification with specific skill and experience requirements — Educational Diagnostician, Health Science Technology, Marketing, Principal, Reading Specialist, School Counselor, School Librarian, Superintendent and all of the Master Teacher certifications — you still need test approval from your EPP.

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Out-of-State/Out-of-Country Certified Applicants

- ▶ If you hold acceptable teaching credentials in another state, U.S. territory, or country, you must have your credentials reviewed by TEA prior to registering for tests. Following a review of credentials, you will be informed of the required examinations for the certification areas you are seeking.

Applicants Living Outside the State of Texas

- ▶ If you live outside the state of Texas, you can take PACT for the purpose of entering an EPP in Texas.
- ▶ If you live in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Puerto Rico and Mexico, you can take PACT through the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards™ (TExES) program if the tests you wish to take are offered in your area.
- ▶ If the tests you wish to take are not offered through the TExES program, or you do not live in an area where TExES tests are offered, certain *Praxis II*® tests can be taken. For further information about taking PACT through the *Praxis*™ program, go to the *Praxis* website at **www.ets.org/praxis** and select Texas under "State Testing Requirements."

Contingency Admission into an EPP

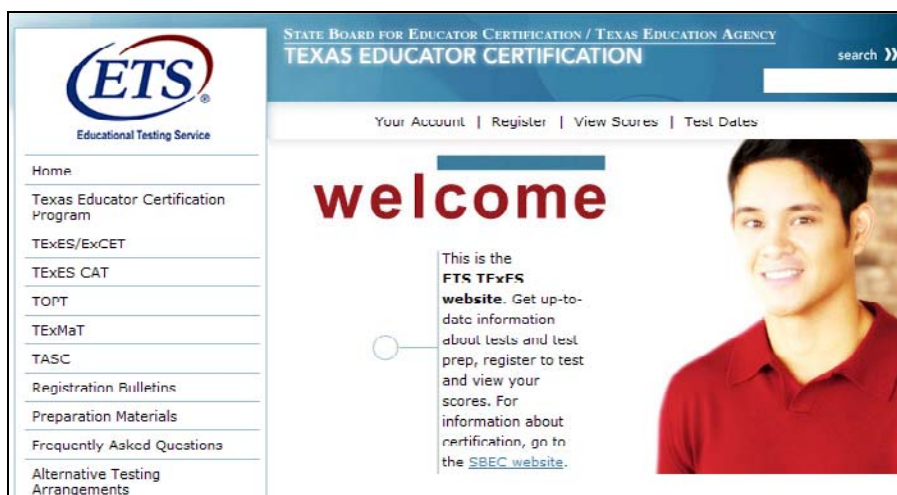
- ▶ If you are admitted into an EPP prior to receiving a conferred bachelor's degree, you will require test approval from your EPP before you can register for a certification test.

Registering for PACT

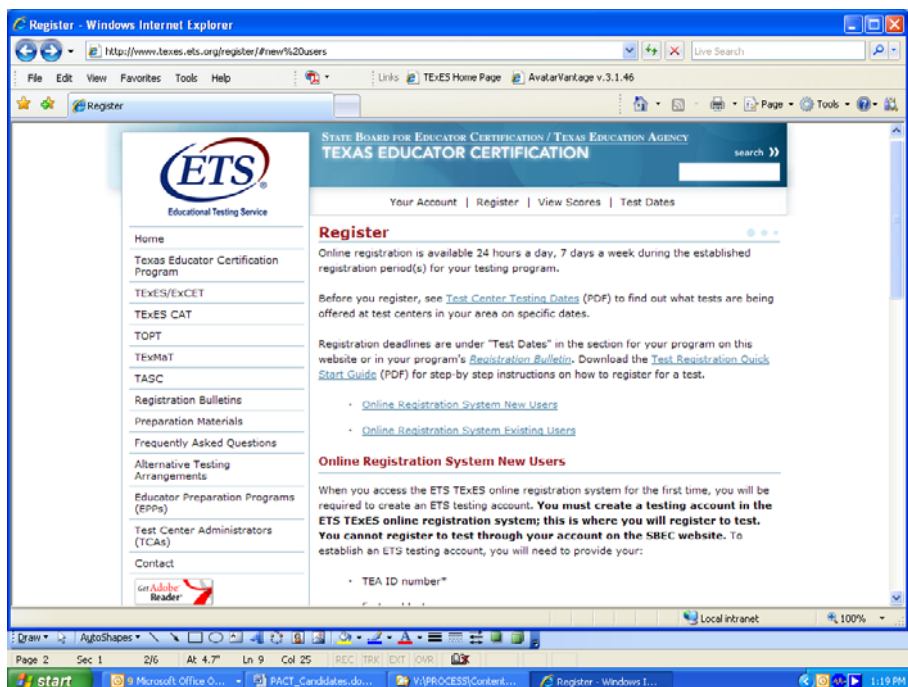
- ▶ If you will be taking a *Praxis II* test, you must register online through the *Praxis* website. Go to **www.ets.org/praxis** and select Texas under "State Testing Requirements."
- ▶ If you will be taking PACT through the TExES program, you can register online through the ETS TExES website at **www.texas.ets.org** unless you do not have a Social Security Number (SSN). If that is the case, you need to e-mail **EPPAdmin@ets.org** and request that a PACT profile with a "P" SSN be created for you. You must include the following information:
 - Your first name and last name exactly as they appear on the primary ID document(s) you will present at the test center
 - Date of birth
 - Address
 - E-mail address
 - Gender
 - Ethnicity

ETS staff will create a PACT "P" SSN profile for you and reply via e-mail with instructions on how to register.

- If you do have a SSN, go to **www.texas.ets.org** and click on "Register" at the top of the page.



- Read the explanation under "Online Registration System New Users."



- After you have read the explanation, click on “New User” at the bottom of the page.

Once you have established your testing account, you can return at any time to:

- self register for any exam you are eligible to take
- view your registration and make changes if needed
- reschedule or cancel your registration
- print (or reprint) your admission ticket(s)
- place orders for services, such as score verification
- check the status of previously placed orders
- view your score report

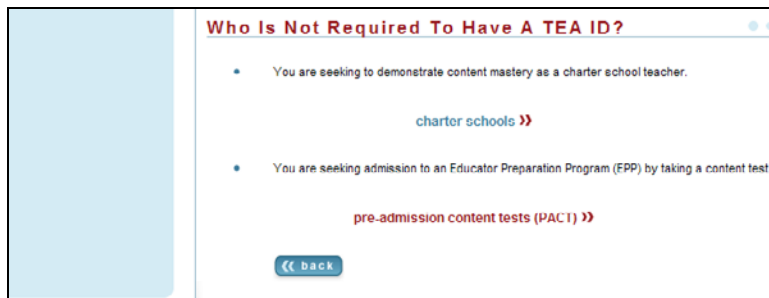
If you have not already created your ETS testing account, select “New User” below. See the [Quick Start Guide for New User Account Creation](#) (PDF). Make a note of the user name and password you set up for this site; you will need them to access your account in the future.

New User

- Select “no TEA ID>>” if you do not have an existing Educator Profile in the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) system.



- Confirm your registration as a PACT participant by selecting “pre-admission content tests (PACT)>>”



- Enter personal information for a testing account to be created in the ETS TExES system. Certify graduation from an accredited university. (See the link provided if you are unsure of your college or university's accreditation.)

Pre-Admission Content Tests (PACT)

If you hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and are not yet enrolled in an Educator Preparation Program (EPP), you are allowed to take a content test for purposes of admission into the following types of EPPs: alternative certification programs, university alternative certification programs, or university post baccalaureate programs (without content courses). See the U.S. Department of Education [database of accredited postsecondary institutions and programs](#).

Please enter the following information.

First Name *

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Last Name *

Previous Last Name

Date Of Birth * , 19

Social Security # *

E-Mail Address *

REQUIRED

By clicking on **next**, I certify that I hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

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- Enter the requested supplemental information on the screen that follows.

Personal Information

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Previous Last Name

TEA ID

SSN

Charter School

Date Of Birth

Street 1

Street 2

City

State

Postal/Zip

Country

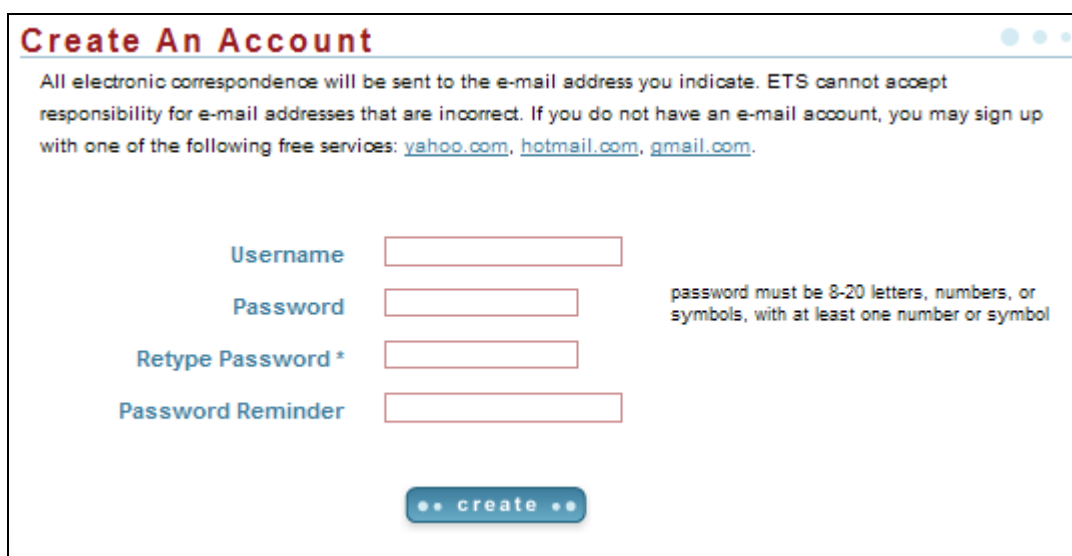
Daytime Phone #

Evening Phone #

Gender

Ethnicity

- Create a username and password and enter a password reminder that can be used by a customer service representative if you forget your password.



Create An Account

All electronic correspondence will be sent to the e-mail address you indicate. ETS cannot accept responsibility for e-mail addresses that are incorrect. If you do not have an e-mail account, you may sign up with one of the following free services: yahoo.com, hotmail.com, gmail.com.

Username

Password password must be 8-20 letters, numbers, or symbols, with at least one number or symbol

Retype Password *

Password Reminder

- Because you are a PACT candidate, you do not need to create an Educator Profile on the SBEC website in order to register for a test. The ETS online registration system will transfer the data you enter to the SBEC system and give you a TEA ID number. Be sure to make a note of your TEA ID and Username.



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Mary Cortez

TEA ID # 3014348

Date Of Birth 01/01/70

You currently have no active registrations

Register for a test >>



- Select "Register for a test" if you are ready to do so.

Test Day Policies and Procedures

- ▶ Before the day of the test, you should read and be familiar with all policies and procedures in the *Bulletin* for the test you are planning to take. *Bulletins* can be downloaded from the ETS TExES website at **www.texas.ets.org** and the *Praxis* website at **www.ets.org/praxis**.
- ▶ You must bring your admission ticket and acceptable identification documents with you to the test center. Details about acceptable identification documents are in the *Bulletins* and on the websites. **Note:** Without the required identification documents, you will not be admitted to the test center and no refund will be approved.

PACT Scores

TExES PACT

- ▶ Paper score reports are not sent to test takers.
- ▶ PACT test takers can view their score reports through their testing accounts on the ETS TExES website.
- ▶ Scores are posted on the score reporting dates listed in the *Registration Bulletin* and on the ETS TExES website. Scores are viewable for 90 days; after that time, test takers can view scores through their Educator Profiles on the SBEC website.
- ▶ EPPs can view scores in the Accountability System for Educator Preparation (ASEP).

Praxis Tests

- ▶ Paper score reports are not sent to test takers.
- ▶ PACT test takers can view their score reports through their testing accounts on the *Praxis* website.
- ▶ Scores are posted on the score reporting dates listed in *The Praxis Series™ Information Bulletin* and on the *Praxis* website. Scores are viewable for 30 days.
- ▶ EPPs can view scores for candidates taking *Praxis* tests under the PACT program in the Accountability System for Educator Preparation (ASEP).
- ▶ Candidate scores will be reported with no pass/fail assignment in states where *Praxis* scores are not accepted. In those cases, EPPs must reference "Pre-Admission Content Tests (PACT) Passing Scores by State for *Praxis* Tests" on the *Praxis* website.

Additional Information

- ▶ If you have been admitted to an EPP, contact your program for more information.
- ▶ If you have not been admitted to an EPP, contact SBEC at 512 936-8400 or TEA at 888 863-5880 (toll-free).

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who can take Pre-Admission Content Tests (PACT)?

A. You can take PACT if you hold a conferred bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited university. See a list of accredited colleges and universities at <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>.

Q. What is the benefit of taking PACT?

A. You can take a content examination to demonstrate content proficiency for possible entrance into an EPP in Texas. Taking PACT does not ensure that you will be admitted into a program. EPPs may have additional admission requirements.

Q. Who cannot take PACT?

A. If you are an undergraduate, you need to be approved by your EPP to take content examinations and **cannot** take PACT. You must have a conferred bachelor's degree or higher to qualify. If you are in a program seeking a certification other than classroom teacher or a certification with specific skill and experience requirements — Educational Diagnostician, Health Science Technology, Marketing, Principal, Reading Specialist, School Counselor, School Librarian, Superintendent and all of the Master Teacher certifications — you will need to be approved by an EPP in order to register.

Q. Which tests cannot be taken under PACT?

A. Educational Diagnostician, Health Science Technology, Marketing, Principal, Reading Specialist, School Counselor, School Librarian, Superintendent and all of the Master Teacher certification tests

Q. If I am already certified, can I take PACT?

A. No, a certified individual must register as a certified teacher.

Q. What if TExES testing is not offered where I live?

A. If you live outside the state of Texas, you can take PACT for the purpose of entering an EPP in Texas. If the tests you wish to take are not offered through the TExES program, or you do not live in an area where TExES tests are offered, certain *Praxis II*® tests can be taken. For further information about taking PACT through the *Praxis* program, go to the *Praxis* website at www.ets.org/praxis and select Texas under "State Testing Requirements."

Q. If I need help studying for an examination, what is available?

A. Preparation materials are available for all examinations in the Preparation Materials section of the ETS TExES website at www.texas.ets.org.