



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

A Pre-Admission Content Test (PACT) can be used to obtain admission into an Educator Preparation Program (EPP). Tests taken through the PACT route are the same tests used for certification. **Taking PACT does not ensure admittance into a program.** EPPs may have additional admission requirements.

With policy updates effective October, 2016, individuals who hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university* or are scheduled to receive a bachelor's degree before being placed in a classroom, 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). An individual may not be placed in a classroom as a teacher of record under this section until receiving a bachelor's degree. Also, candidates may take a PACT if they have never been admitted to a Texas approved EPP or are transferring to a different EPP. If a candidate is transferring to a different EPP, the candidate's current EPP must complete a Candidate Transfer Form. Candidates must contact TEA Educator Certification and Testing at 512-936-8400, Option 2 for assistance to activate PACT approval.

NOTE: Candidates are limited to five attempts to take a certification test. The five attempts include the first attempt to pass the examination and four retakes, and include any of the test approval methods (PACT, EPP, out of state, charter, and CBE). Transferring to a different EPP does not change this policy requirement.

* See the [U.S. Department of Education database of accredited postsecondary institutions and programs](#).

If You Already Have a Bachelor’s Degree or Higher from an Accredited University or are Scheduled to Receive a Bachelor’s Degree Before Being Placed in a Classroom

- ▶ 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; see below. The Texas Education Agency (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 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 6–12, Marketing 6–12, Principal, Reading Specialist, School Counselor, School Librarian, Superintendent and all of the Master Teacher certifications — you need test approval from your EPP.

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, 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 you live in any other state that has expanded CAT test centers, you can also take PACT through the TExES program if the test you wish to take is offered; see the current TExES Registration Bulletin at www.texas.ets.org/registrationbulletin.
- ▶ 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 at any point during your certification process, you will require test approval from your EPP before you can register for a certification test.

Registering for PACT

- ▶ Do NOT to create a TEA account prior to registering for a test taken via 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, and you hold a bachelor's degree or higher from a USDE accredited college or university or are scheduled to receive a bachelor's degree before being placed in a classroom, you can register online through the ETS TExES website at www.texas.ets.org. If you do not have a Social Security Number (SSN), you need to email EPPAdmin@ets.org and request that a PACT profile with a "P" SSN be created for you. ETS staff will create a PACT "P" SSN profile for you and reply via email with instructions on how to register.
- ▶ 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
 - Email address
 - Gender
 - Ethnicity
- ▶ If you have a SSN, go to www.texas.ets.org and click on "Register" at the top of the page.



- Read the explanation under “New Users.”

The screenshot shows the Texas Educator Certification website. The header includes the ETS logo and the text "STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION / TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY" and "TEXAS EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION". A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links for "Your Account", "Register", "View Scores", and "Test Dates". The main content area is titled "Online Registration System" and contains the following text:

You can register through the ETS online registration system 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the established registration period(s) for your testing program.

Before you register, see [Test Center Testing Dates \(PDF\)](#) to find out what tests are being offered at test centers in your area on specific dates.

Registration deadlines are under "Test Dates" in the section for your program on this website or in your program's [Registration Bulletin](#). Download the [Test Registration Quick Start Guide \(PDF\)](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to register for a test.

Existing Users

Remember that your ETS testing account is separate from your account on the TEA website. **Please be sure to enter the user name and password you set up for your ETS testing account.**

[Go to Login](#)

New Users

When you access the ETS online registration system for the first time, you will be required to create an ETS testing account. **You must create a testing account in the ETS online registration system; this is where you will register to test. You cannot register to test through your account on the TEA website.** To establish an ETS testing account, you will need to provide your:

- TEA ID number*
- first and last name

The left sidebar contains a list of navigation links: Home, Texas Educator Certification Program, TE xES, TE xES CAT, TE xMaT, TASC, Registration Bulletins, Preparation Materials, Frequently Asked Questions, Alternative Testing Arrangements, Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs), Test Center Administrators (TCAs), and Contact. There is also a "Get Adobe Reader" button.

- ▶ 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:

- register for any exam you are approved 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
- change your password
- change options for receiving text/email test prep messages
- return to your account at any time

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>>."

TEA TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY
TEXAS EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION

TEXES TExMaT TASC/TASC-ASL

New User
progress map

- TEA ID
- personal information
- create an account

Please enter the following information so that the personal information in your TEA Educator Profile* can be assessed. If you do not have a TEA ID#, click on "no TEA ID" below.

TEA ID* **no TEA ID >>**

First Name*

M.I.

Last Name*

Previous Last Name

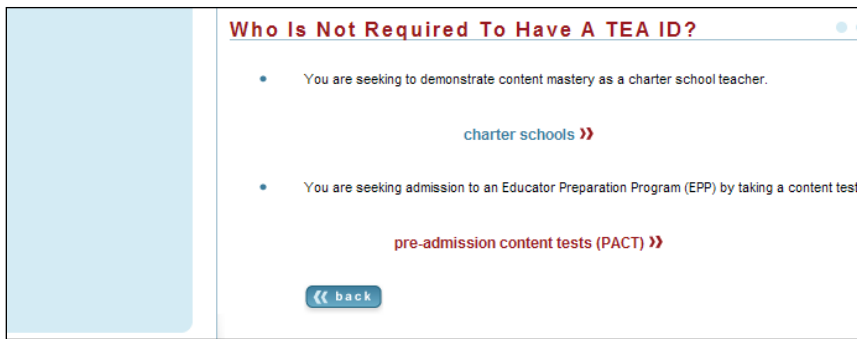
Date Of Birth* January , 19

E-Mail*

*You must enter the information exactly as it appears in your Educator Profile on the TEA website. If you need to update your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address you must do so through your Educator Profile on the [TEA website](#).

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- ▶ 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.)

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Last Name *

Previous Last Name

Date Of Birth * January , 19

Social Security # *

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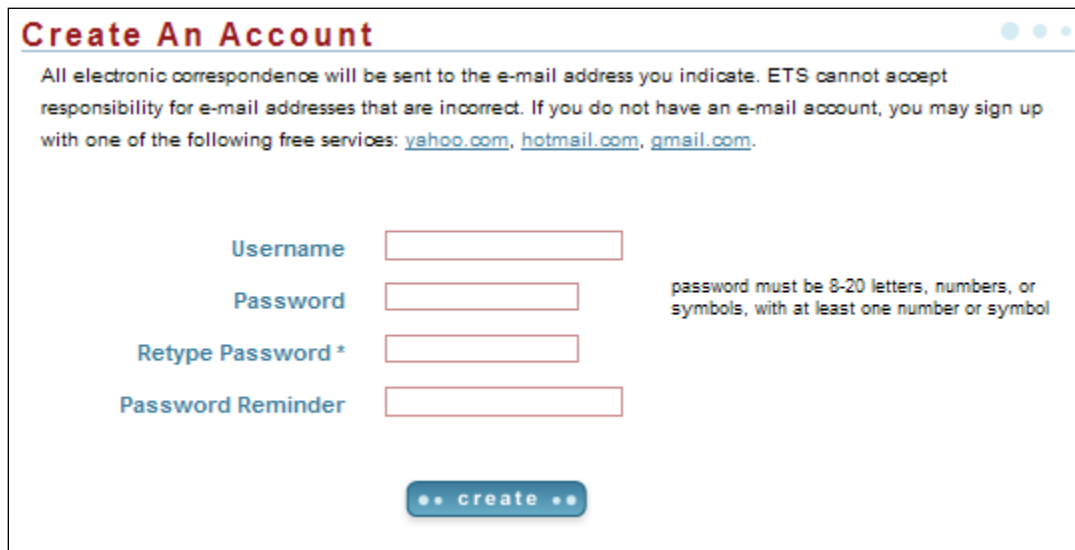
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*REQUIRED

By clicking on **next**, I certify that I hold a bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited college or university or I am scheduled to receive a bachelor’s degree before I am placed in a classroom.

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- ▶ Enter the requested supplemental information on the screen that follows.
- ▶ 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 should not create an Educator Profile on the TEA website. The ETS online registration system will transfer the data you enter to the TEA system and give you a TEA ID number. Be sure to make a note of your TEA ID and Username.



- ▶ 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 *Registration Bulletin* for the test you are planning to take. *Registration 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 *Registration 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.

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. Online scores are downloadable for one calendar year from the score reporting date.
- ▶ 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 into an EPP, contact the TEA at 512-936-8400, option 2.

Frequently Asked Questions

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

A. Individuals who hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an USDE accredited university or are scheduled to receive a bachelor's degree before being placed in a classroom; also those individuals who are transferring to a different EPP. 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. You cannot take PACT if:

- you have already been formally admitted into an EPP, unless you are transferring to a different EPP
- you are seeking a certification other than classroom teacher (Educational Diagnostician, Principal, Reading Specialist, School Counselor, School Librarian, Superintendent, Master Teacher)
- you are seeking a certification with specific skill and experience requirements (Health Science, Marketing, Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities for Trade and Industrial Education)
- you want to take the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) examination
- you are an undergraduate seeking initial teacher certification
- you hold teaching credentials in another state, U.S. territory or country

Q. Which tests cannot be taken under PACT?

A. Educational Diagnostician, Health Science, Marketing, Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities for Trade and Industrial Education, Principal, Reading Specialist, School Counselor, School Librarian, Superintendent and all 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 Test Preparation Resources section of the ETS TExES website at www.texas.ets.org.