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Creating Your Pearson Testing Account

Texas educator candidates using the Pearson website for the first time to register and schedule to test will need to create a Pearson testing account. Once your new Pearson account is created, any Texas educator examination testing history you may have since 2006 will be available in your Pearson account. This includes your prior score reports.

To create a Pearson testing account, you will:

- **Specify a permanent email address to use as your username.** Do not use an email address that is temporary, such as one associated with a college or district affiliation to which you may not always have access.

- **Create a password.** Passwords are required to be between 6 and 30 characters and must contain at least one letter and one digit and cannot contain spaces or any of the characters "&=<>\[]."

- **Create a security question and answer.** Your security question will be used to verify your identity should you need to change your password.
• **Enter your TEA ID number.** You will need to provide your TEA ID number so that your Pearson testing account can be linked to your TEA Educator Profile.

If you are a first-time testing candidate, you must go to the TEA website at [www.tea.texas.gov](http://www.tea.texas.gov) (click "ECOS for Educators" on the top toolbar) and create a TEA Login (TEAL) account. When you create your account, you will complete an Educator Profile and obtain a TEA ID number.

**Required Candidate Information**

Please enter the following information so that your TEA Educator Profile can be accessed. Please note:

- 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 email address, you must do so through your Educator Profile on the TEA website.

You have created an account on this website. The following additional information is required to register for an exam and access your scores.

**Who is required to have a TEA ID?**

- **TEA ID Number:**
- **First Name:**
- **Last Name:**
- **Date of Birth:**
  - Month
  - Day
  - Year

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Using Your Pearson Testing Account

Once you have created a Pearson testing account on the Texas Educator Certification Examination Program website, you will be able to:

- Register for exams that you are eligible for
- Schedule your test appointments
- Reschedule existing test appointments, free of charge, up to 48 hours before your appointment time
- Update your email and password as needed
- Review your testing history
- Access your score reports, for scores reported
Registering for an Exam and Scheduling a Test Appointment

In the Pearson system, **registering** for an exam is separate from **scheduling** your test appointment.

- Before registering for an exam, you can [use the seat availability tool](#) (use [this link for language exams](#)) to confirm that there are available appointments at locations and on dates and times convenient for you.
- You may schedule your testing appointment when you register, or at a later time.
- You may reschedule or cancel your testing appointment, without any fees, up to 48 hours before your scheduled appointment date.
- You must schedule an appointment and test within 170 days of registering for an exam.
- If you withdraw your registration, you will be refunded your exam registration payment, minus $25. The Texas.gov funds are not refundable.
Registering for an Exam

To register for an exam, choose the “Register” option on the Texas Educator Certification Examination Program website. If you have not yet created a Pearson testing account, please do that first. Then, once you have signed in to your Pearson testing account, you will be ready to register.

1. Select your exam. You will be able to select only those exams which you are eligible to take.
2. **Opt in for Alternative Testing Arrangements** if you have documented physical, learning, or cognitive disabilities and require additional arrangements *beyond* the following, which are available for all test-takers without prior approval:

- wheelchair access
- access to visual enhancement features including color contrast and enlarged font
- comfort aids (see the complete list on the [Pearson Comfort Aids](#) page)
- breaks to use the restroom, take medication, use an inhaler, etc.

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Alternative Testing Arrangements

Examinees with documented physical, learning, or cognitive disabilities may be eligible for alternative testing arrangements.

For information about policies and guidelines and about how to complete and submit the Alternative Testing Arrangements Request Form, read more here.

Before indicating "Yes" below, please review the list of comfort aids that are available at all test centers without prior approval.

Do you plan to submit a request for alternative testing arrangements?

○ No, I do not plan to request alternative testing arrangements.

○ Yes, I plan to request alternative testing arrangements.

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3. **Review the period for which your registration is valid.** Tests may be scheduled at any time within the 170-day period.
4. **Answer the background questions.** These questions are required and are only used for the purpose of evaluating exam questions. They are not maintained as part of your educator certification records.

   - **Best Language:** What is your best language of communication?
   - **First Language:** Which language(s) did you first learn as a child?

If you are registering to take a PACT exam, you will be asked about your reason for testing in addition to these questions about your language history.
5. **Select score reporting options.** Your score report will be available in your Pearson testing account at 10 p.m. central time on your score report date, but you may also opt to have it sent to you via email.

![Score Reporting Options](image)

6. **Submit your payment.** Follow the instructions to enter your payment information.

![View Cart](image)

* Secure payment for this service is provided by Texas NIC. The price of this service includes non-refundable funds that support the ongoing operations and enhancements of Texas.gov, provided by third parties in partnership with the State.

You may now schedule your testing appointment, or you may choose to complete this step at a later date. Testing appointments must occur within 170 days of registration.
## Scheduling a Test Appointment

Before registering for an exam, you can use the seat availability tool (use [this link for language exams](#)) to confirm that there are available appointments at locations and on dates and times convenient for you.

When you are ready to schedule your test appointment or if you need to change your test appointment, choose Schedule or Reschedule in your Pearson testing account.

1. **Select one or more exams to schedule.** If you have registered for two exams, you may schedule them in back-to-back appointments on the same day. After selecting the first exam, click the button to “Add another exam to take on the same day.”

   If you do not select this option now, you will not be able to add a second exam later and you will not be able to take both exams back-to-back.

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2. **Find nearby test centers.** Enter a zip code or city that is convenient to you, and then select up to three test centers to check appointment availability for each of those locations.

**Test Center Search**

Exam Selection: TX268: TExES Principal as Instructional Leader | Language: English

Find test centers near:

San Antonio, TX

e.g., "55437" or "5601 Green Valley Drive, Bloomington, MN" or "Paris, France"

★ MILITARY COMMUNITY looking for on-base test centers, please click here.

You can select **up to three** test centers to compare availability.

The test center information link may provide more information regarding wheelchair support, parking, directions, and other physical considerations for a test center.

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<td>Pearson Professional Centers-Shavano Park TX</td>
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[Map](#)
3. **Search available appointment dates for selected test centers.** You can choose a date to see if the test centers have appointments on or near that day, or you can view the appointment calendar for a test center to find available dates.

   ![Appointment Search Preference](image)

   - **Which appointment option are you interested in seeing?**
     - Show me an option on or around this date
     - Show me a calendar of available dates

4. **Choose your location, date, and time.** If there is more than one appointment offered at a test center for a desired date, you can select from a list of available times.

   ![Choose Appointment](image)

   - **Select Date**
     - Why can't I find an available appointment?
   - **Test Center**
     - Pearson Professional Centers-San Antonio TX
       - 10000 San Pedro Ave
         - Suite 175
         - San Antonio, Texas 78216
         - United States
     - Pearson Professional Centers-San Antonio (NW)
       - 6100 Bandera Rd.
         - Suite 407
         - Stonewater Tower West
         - San Antonio, Texas 78238
         - United States
     - Pearson Professional Centers-Shavano Park TX
       - 3619 Paesanos Parkway
         - Suite 301
         - Shavano Center III
         - Shavano Park, Texas 78231
         - United States
   - **Select Date**
     - Why can't I find an available appointment?
   - **Available start times:**
     - Thursday, September 26, 2019 at Pearson Professional Centers-San Antonio TX
     - Times shown in: America/Chicago - CDT [Show 24-hour]
   - **Morning**
     - 08:00 AM
   - **Afternoon**
     - None available

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5. **Finalize your selection and check out.** Once you choose your desired appointment center and time, you can schedule your test and proceed to check out. There is no payment required in this step.

6. **Confirm your information and review testing policies.** Review your personal information and agree to the applicable testing policies. Once you have submitted your order, your exam will officially be scheduled.

7. **Save your confirmation.** You will receive an email confirming your appointment date, time, and test center location. You may also view this information in your Pearson testing account at any time. Admission tickets are not required at the test center; your confirmation email is for your reference.