



Information 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, which went into effect on December 14, 2008, allows degreed individuals who have not been enrolled in an Educator Preparation Program (EPP) to take Pre-Admission Content Tests (PACT) to demonstrate content proficiency for possible admission into an EPP. **Taking PACT does not ensure admittance into a program.** EPPs may have additional admission requirements. Registration for a content certification exam offered by Educational Testing Service (ETS) will begin on January 5, 2009.

If You Already Have a Bachelor's Degree 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 — 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

- ▶ If you are in a program seeking a certification other than classroom teacher — 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.

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

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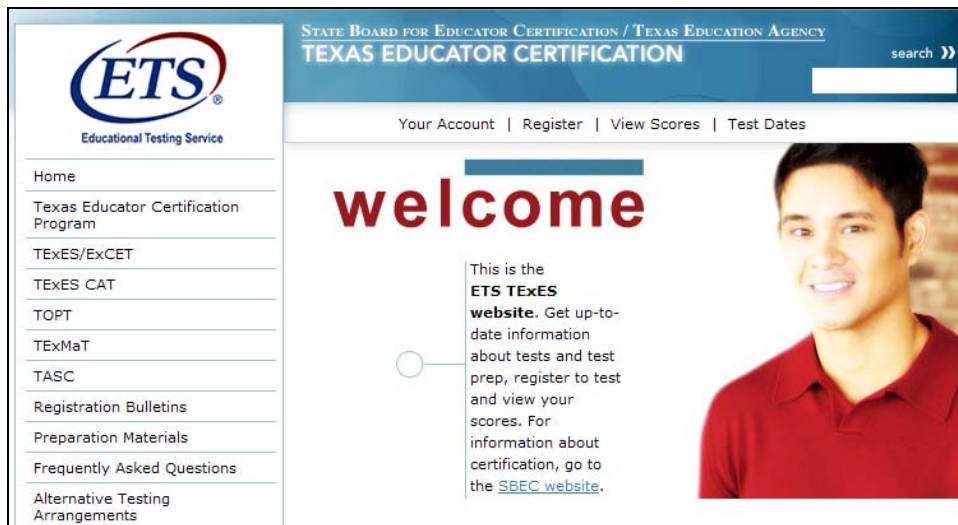
tests. Following a review of credentials, you will be informed of the required examinations for the certification areas you are seeking.

Contingency Admission into an EPP

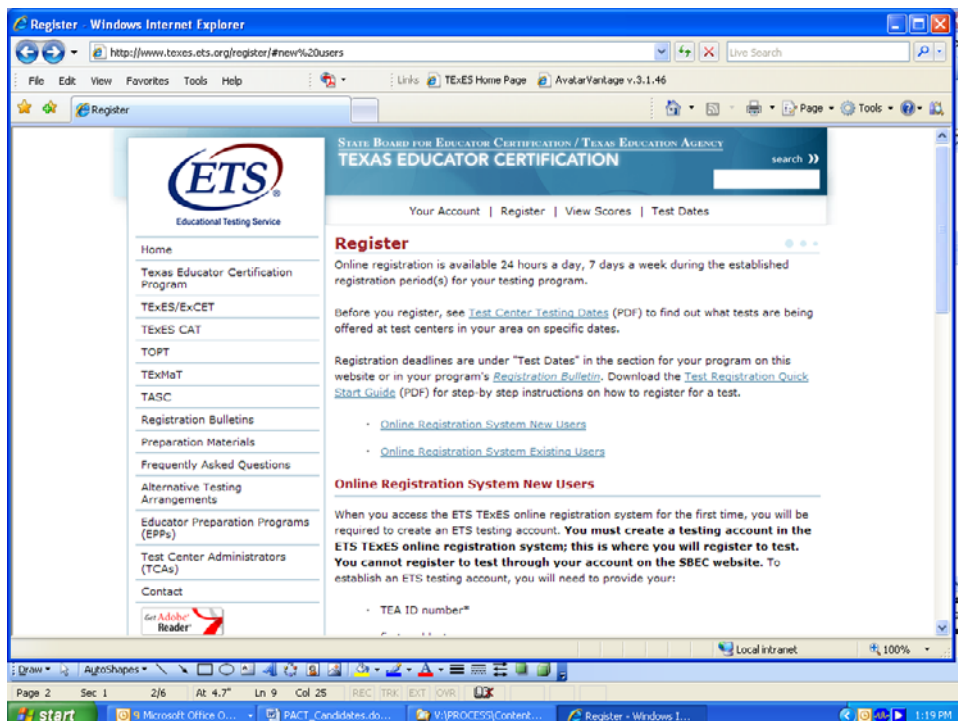
- ▶ If you are admitted into an EPP prior to receiving a conferred bachelor's degree, you will require test approval from your EPP before you can register for a certification test.

Registering for PACT

- ▶ Beginning January 5, 2009, you will be able to register for PACT on the ETS TExES website at **www.texas.ets.org**.
- ▶ Click on "Register" at the top of the page.



- ▶ Select "Online Registration for New Users" and read through the explanation.



- ▶ 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.

New User
progress map

- TEA ID
- personal information
- create an account

TEA ID

Please enter the following information so that the personal information in your SREC 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

Middle Name

Last Name

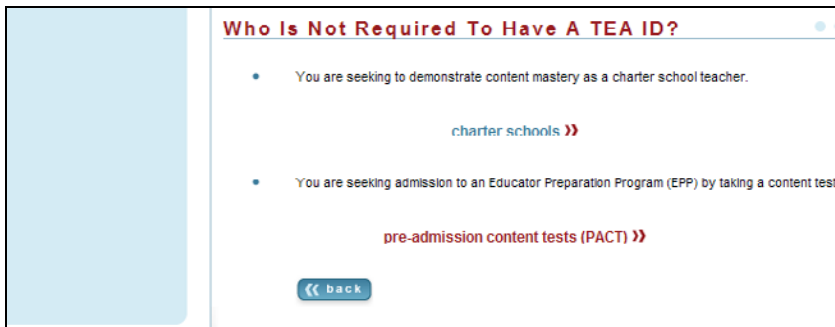
Previous Last Name

Date Of Birth January , 19

E-Mail

*You must enter the information exactly as it appears in your Educator Profile on the SREC 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 [SBEC website](#).

- ▶ 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 as well as the SBEC system. Certify graduation from an accredited university. (See the link provided if you are unsure of your college or university’s accreditation.)

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Pre-Admission Content Tests (PACT)". The page content includes a paragraph: "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](#)." Below this is the instruction "Please enter the following information." followed by several form fields: "First Name *", "MI", "Last Name *", "Previous Last Name", "Date Of Birth *" (with a dropdown menu showing "January" and two empty boxes for the year), "Social Security # *", and "E-Mail Address *". Below the fields is the word "REQUIRED" and a certification statement: "By clicking on **next**, I certify that I hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university." At the bottom of the page, there are two blue buttons: "<< back" and "next >>".

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

Personal Information

First Name	<input type="text" value="Mary"/>
Middle Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text" value="Cortez"/>
Previous Last Name	<input type="text"/>
TEA ID	
SSN	222-33-4444
Charter School	Not Applicable
Date Of Birth	1/1/1970
Street 1	<input type="text"/>
Street 2	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text" value="Texas"/>
Postal/Zip	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United States of America"/>
Daytime Phone #	<input type="text"/>
Evening Phone #	<input type="text"/>
Gender	<input type="text"/>
Ethnicity	<input type="text" value="Other / Not specified"/>

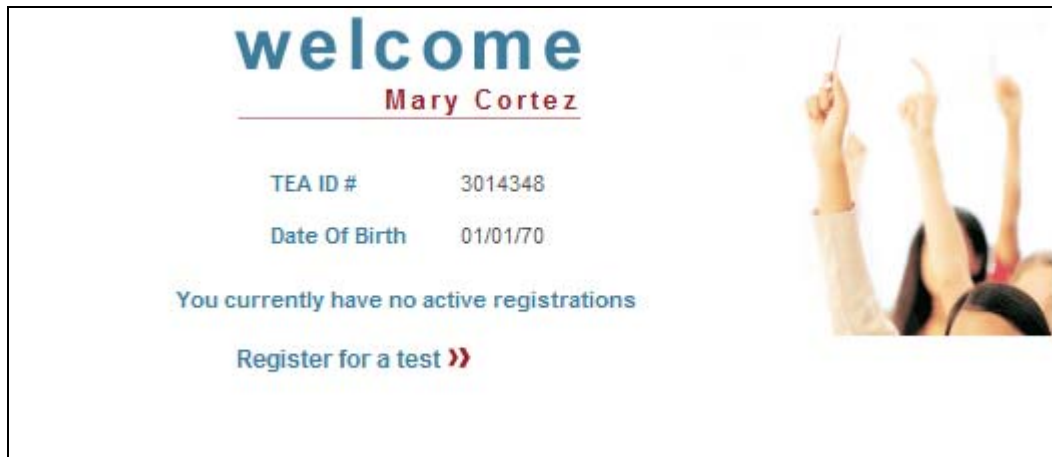
- ▶ Create a username and password and enter a password reminder that can be used by a customer service representative if you forget your password.

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	<input type="text"/>	
Password	<input type="text"/>	password must be 8-20 letters, numbers, or symbols, with at least one number or symbol
Retype Password *	<input type="text"/>	
Password Reminder	<input type="text"/>	

- ▶ 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.



- ▶ 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**.
- ▶ 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 website. **Note:** Without the required identification documents, you will not be admitted to the test center and no refund will be approved.

PACT Scores

- ▶ Paper score reports are not sent out. You will be able to view your score reports through your testing account on the ETS TExES website at **www.texas.ets.org**. Scores are posted on the score reporting dates listed in the *Registration Bulletins* and on the website. Scores are viewable for 90 days. After that time, you can view your scores through your Educator Profile on the SBEC website at **www.sbec.state.tx.us**. To access your Educator Profile, log in to SBEC online as a new user. You will be prompted to create a Username and Password for this account.
- ▶ Your scores will not be assigned to a program. Your scores will be uploaded into your SBEC Educator Profile so that programs can verify that you passed the content examination(s).

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 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. 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 to qualify. If you are in a program seeking a certification other than classroom teacher — 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. What 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. 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.