



**How to apply for my
Standard
Texas Teaching Certificate**

Log in

Here!

HOW DO I APPLY FOR MY CERTIFICATE?

www.tea.texas.gov

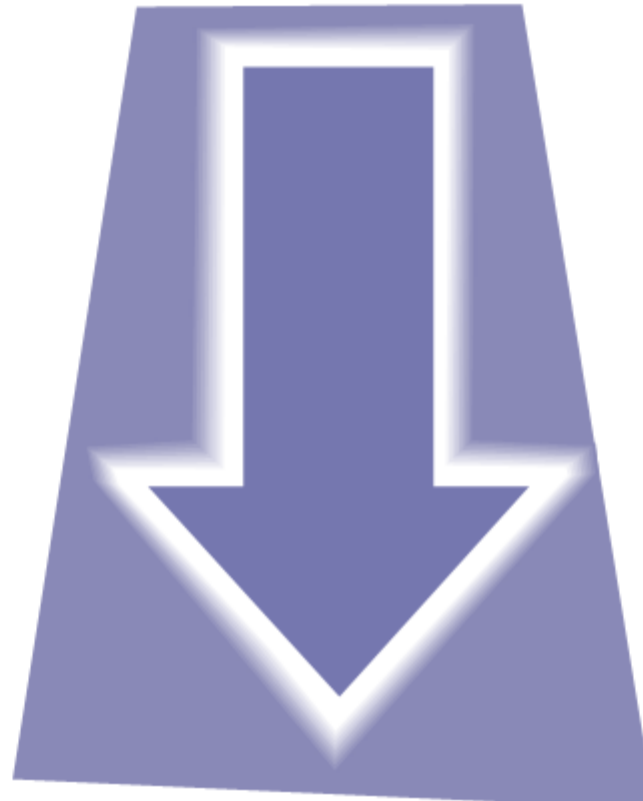
Open the TEA webpage and click on “**ECOS for Educators**”.

The screenshot shows the TEA website homepage. At the top, a blue navigation bar contains the text "Popular Applications: AskTED" followed by "ECOS For Educators" (highlighted with a red box), "EGRANTS", "Secure Application Information", "TEAL Login", "TEASE Login", and "TSDS". Below this is the TEA logo and a search bar. A secondary navigation bar includes "Home", "A-Z Index", "Sign Up for Updates", and "Contact". A row of icons with labels includes "About TEA", "Curriculum & Instructional Materials", "Finance & Grants", "Reports & Data", "Student Testing & Accountability", "Texas Educators", and "Texas Schools". The main content area features a green sidebar with the heading "I Wish I Knew" and text about student artwork by Christina Garza. To the right is a large image of a child sitting on a turtle in space. At the bottom, three yellow boxes are labeled "Reaching New Heights", "Student Art", and "Stay Connected with TEA".

Don't be confused if you see a different picture. It changes regularly.

After you have signed in to TEAL,

3. The next page you will see looks like this (*see next slide*) and contains all of your demographic information. At this point, take the time to review your information for accuracy, paying special attention to your name and address (U.S. mail and electronic). Make sure every piece of information is accurate.





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Educator Profile Setup

TEA ID:

| | | | |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| *First Name | <input type="text"/> | *Gender: | <input type="text"/> |
| Middle Name | <input type="text"/> | *Date of Birth: Month | <input type="text"/> Day <input type="text"/> Year <input type="text"/> |
| *Last Name | <input type="text"/> | *Phone Number | <input type="text"/> |
| Maiden Name | <input type="text"/> | *Ethnicity | <input type="text"/> |
| Suffix | <input type="text"/> | *Driver License # | <input type="text"/> |
| | | *DL State | <input type="text"/> |

If your name is incorrect, please email the TEA to submit a name change on your profile. The way your first, middle, and last name appear in your profile is how your certificate will read. **Your name must appear exactly as it appears on your valid state ID.**

To submit a name change please email to the TEA the following:

1. your SSN or TEA ID number
2. your name as it is currently displayed in your profile
3. the way you would like it to appear on your certificate

To email us for this change [Click Here](#)

After you have received an email confirming that your name change is complete, then you can apply for an updated certificate with your name change.

Mailing:

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|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> United States and other US Territories | <input type="radio"/> Foreign Address |
| *Address <input type="text"/> <small>Include your apartment, suite number OR PO Box, if applicable</small> | *Address <input type="text"/> |
| *City <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| *State <input type="text"/> | *City or Locale <input type="text"/> |
| *Zip Code <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> (12345-1234) | Province Abbreviation <input type="text"/> (if applicable) |
| Country: UNITED STATES | *Postal Code <input type="text"/> |
| | *Country <input type="text"/> |

Billg: Check here if same as mailing

| | |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> United States and other US Territories | <input type="radio"/> Foreign Address |
| *Address <input type="text"/> <small>Include your apartment, suite number OR PO Box, if applicable</small> | *Address <input type="text"/> |
| *City <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| *State <input type="text"/> | *City or Locale <input type="text"/> |
| *Zip Code <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> (12345-1234) | Province Abbreviation <input type="text"/> (if applicable) |
| Country: UNITED STATES | *Postal Code <input type="text"/> |
| | *Country <input type="text"/> |

Email is required. Please keep it current. We use email as the primary method to communicate with you. Status changes, reminders, and other important actions pertaining to your credentials will be communicated to you with this email.

If you don't have an email sign-up for one of these FREE services, click on an icon below to open a window and sign up.



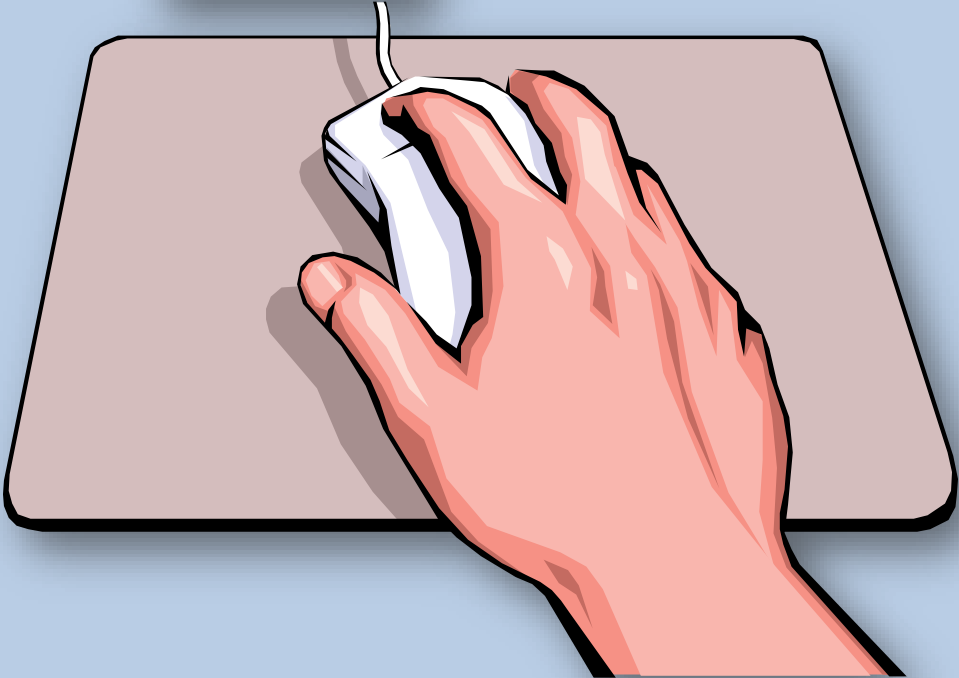
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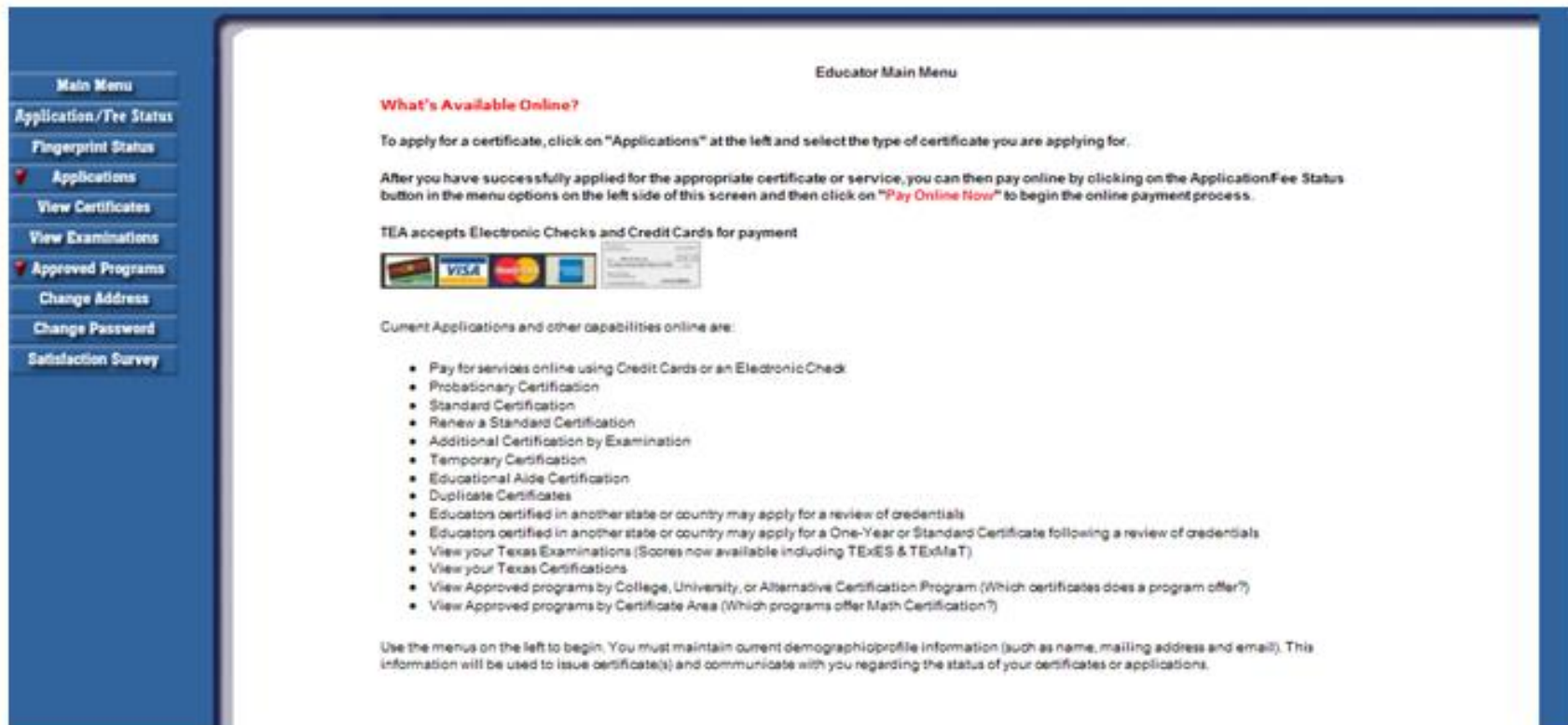
*Required Fields

4. Now click on.....

Continue



5. This menu page gives all the options available to you at the SBEC site.



Main Menu

- Application/Tee Status
- Fingerprint Status
- Applications
- View Certificates
- View Examinations
- Approved Programs
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- Satisfaction Survey


Educator Main Menu

What's Available Online?

To apply for a certificate, click on "Applications" at the left and select the type of certificate you are applying for.

After you have successfully applied for the appropriate certificate or service, you can then pay online by clicking on the Application Fee Status button in the menu options on the left side of this screen and then click on "Pay Online Now" to begin the online payment process.

TEA accepts Electronic Checks and Credit Cards for payment



Current Applications and other capabilities online are:

- Pay for services online using Credit Cards or an Electronic Check
- Probationary Certification
- Standard Certification
- Renew a Standard Certification
- Additional Certification by Examination
- Temporary Certification
- Educational Aide Certification
- Duplicate Certificates
- Educators certified in another state or county may apply for a review of credentials
- Educators certified in another state or county may apply for a One-Year or Standard Certificate following a review of credentials
- View your Texas Examinations (Scores now available including TExES & TExMaT)
- View your Texas Certifications
- View Approved programs by College, University, or Alternative Certification Program (Which certificates does a program offer?)
- View Approved programs by Certificate Area (Which programs offer Math Certification?)

Use the menus on the left to begin. You must maintain current demographic profile information (such as name, mailing address and email). This information will be used to issue certificate(s) and communicate with you regarding the status of your certificates or applications.

6. In the menu on the left, click on **Applications**; then click on **Standard Certificate Texas Program**.

Educator Certification Online System

Welcome Brad Pitt
TEA ID Number 123456

Logout

Main Menu

Application/Tee States

Fingerprint Status

Applications

Standard Certificate

Texas Program

Renew a Standard Certificate

Additional Certification by Examination

Probationary Certificate Texas Program

Out-of-State Certified Applicants

Out-of-Country Certified Applicants

Temporary Teacher Certificate

Educational Aide Certificate

Renew a Standard Aide Certificate

Educator Main Menu

To Apply you must:

All applicants who completed an approved Texas educator preparation program (either alternative or university-based) should apply

- Pay a \$77 certification fee
- Complete all requirements of an approved educator preparation program in Texas
- Pass a criminal background check
- Pass the appropriate examinations for the certification desired

Apply for Certification

7. Which leads to this page, where you click on

Apply for Certification

Educator Certification Online System

Welcome Brad Pitt
TEA ID Number 123456

Logoff

Main Menu

Application/Tee Status

Fingerprint Status

Applications

- Standard Certificate
 - Texas Program
 - Renew a Standard Certificate
- Additional Certification by Examination
 - Probationary Certificate Texas Program
 - Out-of-State Certified Applicants
 - Out-of-Country Certified Applicants
- Temporary Teacher Certificate
- Educational Aide Certificate
- Renew a Standard Aide Certificate

Educator Main Menu

To Apply you must:

All educators who have completed an approved Texas educator preparation program (either alternative or university-based) should apply here.

- Pay a \$77 certification fee
- Complete all requirements of an approved educator preparation program in Texas
- Pass a criminal background check
- Pass the appropriate examinations for the certification desired

Apply for Certification

8. Here you will find the “affidavit” that you must review and “sign” by checking the **YES** box.

Educator Application for Certification

Applicant's Affidavit:

I, Brad Pitt, do hereby agree, consent and direct that any person or entity maintaining information in any form relating to my criminal history shall release all such information upon the request of the Texas Education Agency.

I do further hereby agree and permit the Texas Education Agency to obtain from any person or entity information relating to my personal background, my moral character and my worthiness to instruct the youth of this state, and do hereby expressly direct that any such person or entity release such information upon the request of the Texas Education Agency.

I do hereby release, discharge, and exonerate the Texas Education Agency, its agents or representatives, and any person or entity so furnishing information from any and all liability of every kind arising therefrom.

The foregoing consent and release is valid and binding so long as I hold or seek any certificate, license, permit, or other credential issued under the authority of the Texas Education Code.

I understand that any credential issued to me by the Texas Education Agency is the property of the State of Texas. I agree that I will tender my credential to the Texas Education Agency if I am ordered to do so by the Texas Education Agency.

I understand that this affidavit shall have the same force as the original. I have reviewed this application and I affirm that all of the information I have provided on the application is true.

Yes

Have you ever been the subject of an arrest that has resulted in deferred adjudication, probation or a conviction?
Yes No

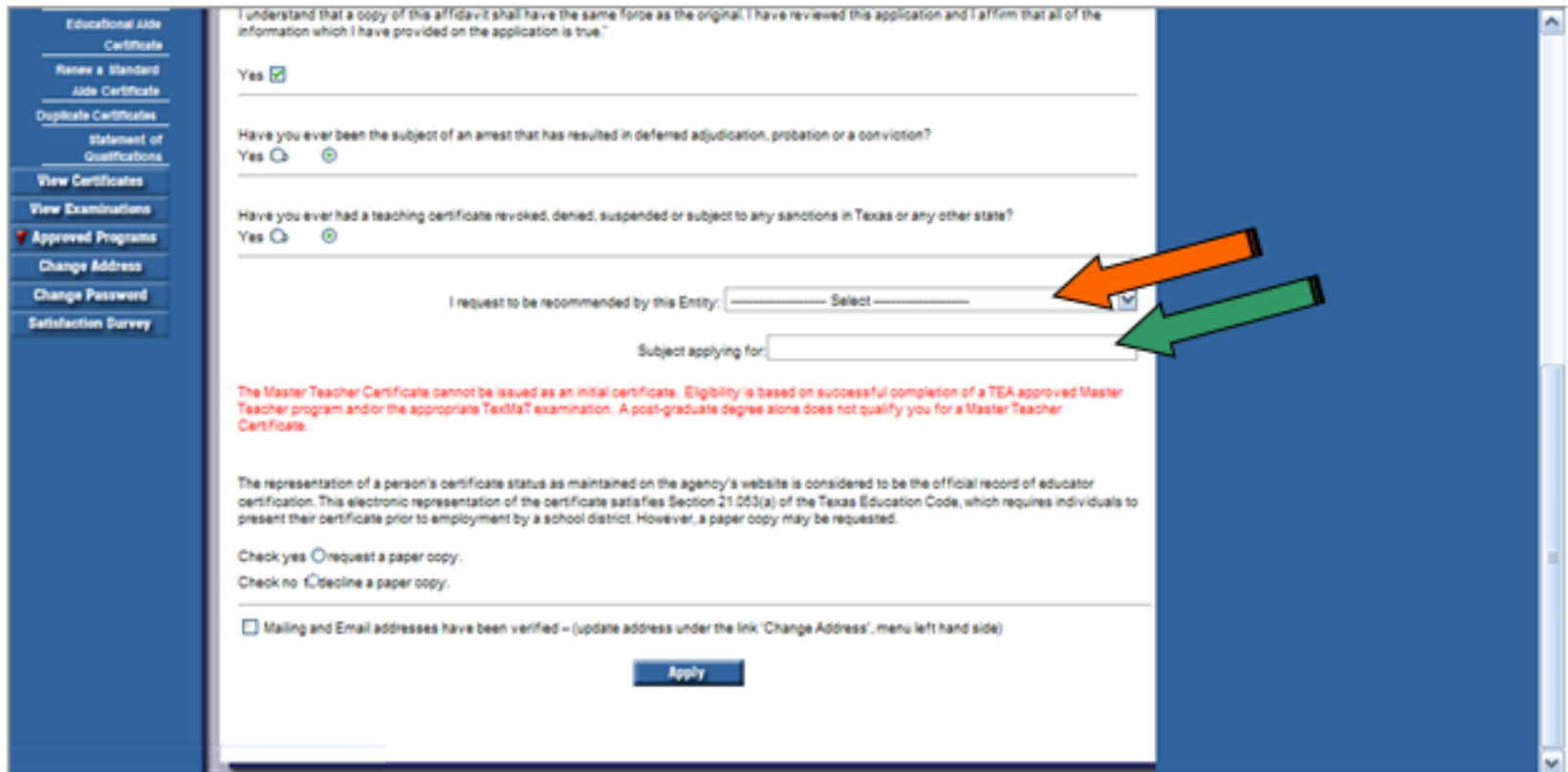
Have you ever had a teaching certificate revoked, denied, suspended or subject to any sanctions in Texas or any other state?
Yes No

9. At the bottom of the page, there are two questions that must be answered accurately.

- Have you ever been the subject of an arrest that has resulted in deferred adjudication, probation or a conviction? ____YES ____NO
- Have you ever had a teaching certificate revoked, denied, suspended or subject to any sanctions in Texas or any other state? ____YES ____NO

10. Then click on the **dropdown box** at the bottom right...and select The University of Texas at Tyler.

11. Enter (type in) the **content area of your certificate**, e.g., History 8-12; EC-6; Math 4-8; Art EC-12.



The screenshot shows a web application interface for educator certification. On the left is a blue sidebar with navigation links: Educational Aide Certificate, Renew a Standard Aide Certificate, Duplicate Certificates, Statement of Qualifications, View Certificates, View Examinations, Approved Programs, Change Address, Change Password, and Satisfaction Survey. The main content area is white and contains the following text and form elements:

I understand that a copy of this affidavit shall have the same force as the original. I have reviewed this application and I affirm that all of the information which I have provided on the application is true.

Yes

Have you ever been the subject of an arrest that has resulted in deferred adjudication, probation or a conviction?

Yes

Have you ever had a teaching certificate revoked, denied, suspended or subject to any sanctions in Texas or any other state?

Yes

I request to be recommended by this Entity:

Subject applying for:

The Master Teacher Certificate cannot be issued as an initial certificate. Eligibility is based on successful completion of a TEA approved Master Teacher program and/or the appropriate TexMaT examination. A post-graduate degree alone does not qualify you for a Master Teacher Certificate.

The representation of a person's certificate status as maintained on the agency's website is considered to be the official record of educator certification. This electronic representation of the certificate satisfies Section 21.053(a) of the Texas Education Code, which requires individuals to present their certificate prior to employment by a school district. However, a paper copy may be requested.

Check yes request a paper copy.
Check no decline a paper copy.

Mailing and Email addresses have been verified – (update address under the link 'Change Address', menu left hand side)

Two arrows are overlaid on the form: an orange arrow points to the dropdown menu, and a green arrow points to the 'Subject applying for' text input field.

See next slide for **dropdown box**

Be sure to choose "University Based"not "Alternative" or "Master Teacher"

State Board for Educator Certification - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by The University of Texas at Tyler

https://secure.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/educator_apply.asp?sid=15187507961B400FACB7679D63F7838B

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State Board for Educator Certification

Duplicate Certificates
Statement of Qualifications
View Certificates
View Examinations
Approved Programs
Change Address
Change Password
Satisfaction Survey

I understand that a copy of this affidavit shall have the same force as the original. I have reviewed this application and the information provided on the application is true.

Yes

Have you ever been the subject of an arrest that has resulted in deferred adjudication, probation or a conviction?

Yes No

Have you ever had a teaching certificate revoked, denied, suspended or subject to any sanctions in Texas?

Yes No

I request to be recommended by this Entity:

Subject applying for:

- University of North Texas (Alternative)
- University of North Texas (Master Teacher)
- University of St Thomas (University Based)
- University of St Thomas (Master Teacher)
- University of Texas - Arlington (University Based)
- University of Texas - Arlington (Master Teacher)
- University of Texas - Austin (University Based)
- University of Texas - Austin (Master Teacher)
- University of Texas - Brownsville (University Based)
- University of Texas - Brownsville (Alternative)
- University of Texas - Brownsville (Master Teacher)
- University of Texas - Dallas (University Based)
- University of Texas - El Paso (University Based)
- University of Texas - El Paso (Alternative)
- University of Texas - El Paso (Master Teacher)
- University of Texas - Pan American (University Based)
- University of Texas - Pan American (Alternative)
- University of Texas - Pan American (Master Teacher)
- University of Texas - Permian Basin (University Based)
- University of Texas - Permian Basin (Master Teacher)
- University of Texas - San Antonio (University Based)
- University of Texas - San Antonio (Master Teacher)
- University of Texas - Tyler (University Based)
- University of Texas - Tyler (Alternative)
- University of Texas - Tyler (Master Teacher)
- University of the Incarnate Word (University Based)
- Wayland Baptist University (University Based)
- Weatherford College (Alternative)

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Apply

Done Internet 100%

12. TEA no longer issues paper certificates. The virtual certificate, available online, is the “official” certificate in Texas.

https://ecos.texas.gov/.../app/apply/step/2189307702144420420790211150

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Educator Certification Online System

- Out-of-Country
- Certified Applicants
- Temporary Teacher Certificate
- Educational Aide
- Certificate
- Renew a Standard Aide Certificate
- Duplicate Certificates
- Statement of Qualifications
- View Certificates**
- View Examinations
- Approved Programs
- Change Address
- Change Password
- Satisfaction Survey

I have read, understand and agree to adhere to the [educator's Code of Ethics](#).

I understand that a copy of this affidavit shall have the same force as the original. I have reviewed this application and the information provided on the application is true.*

Yes

Have you ever been the subject of an arrest that has resulted in deferred adjudication, probation, or a conviction for a crime involving moral turpitude?

Yes No

Have you ever had a teaching certificate revoked, denied, suspended or subject to any sanctions?

Yes No

I request to be recommended by this Entity:

Subject applying for:

- University of Houston (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of Houston-Clear Lake (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of Houston-Downtown (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of Houston-Victoria (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of Houston-Victoria (Alternative Program)
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of North Texas (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of North Texas (Alternative Program)
- University of Phoenix (@ San Antonio) (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of St Thomas (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of Texas - Arlington (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of Texas - Austin (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of Texas - Brownsville (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of Texas - Brownsville (Alternative Program)
- University of Texas - Dallas (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of Texas - El Paso (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of Texas - El Paso (Alternative Program)
- University of Texas - Pan American (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of Texas - Pan American (Alternative Program)
- University of Texas - Permian Basin (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of Texas - San Antonio (Post-Baccalaureate)
- University of Texas - Tyler (Post-Baccalaureate)**
- University of Texas - Tyler (Alternative Program)
- University of the Incarnate Word (Post-Baccalaureate)
- Wayland Baptist University (Post-Baccalaureate)
- Weatherford College (Alternative Program)
- Web-Centric Alternative Cert Program (Alternative Program)
- West Texas A&M University (Post-Baccalaureate)
- West Texas A&M University (Alternative Program)
- Western Governors University (Alternative Program)

The representation of a person's certificate status as maintained on the agency's website is considered to be the official record of educator certification. This electronic representation of the certificate satisfies Section 21.053(a) of the Texas Education Code, which requires individuals to present their certificate prior to employment by a school district. TEA no longer mails paper certificates. A printer-friendly frameable version will be available to the educator once the certificate is posted online. To print a copy, select the "View Certificates" link (menu left-hand side).

Email and mailing addresses have been verified – (to update addresses, click on the link "Change Address;" menu left-hand side)

Apply

Done Internet 100%

13. Check the **box** explaining the virtual certificate.


14. Be sure to check your mailing address for accuracy; then, check the **last box** that verifies your mailing address.

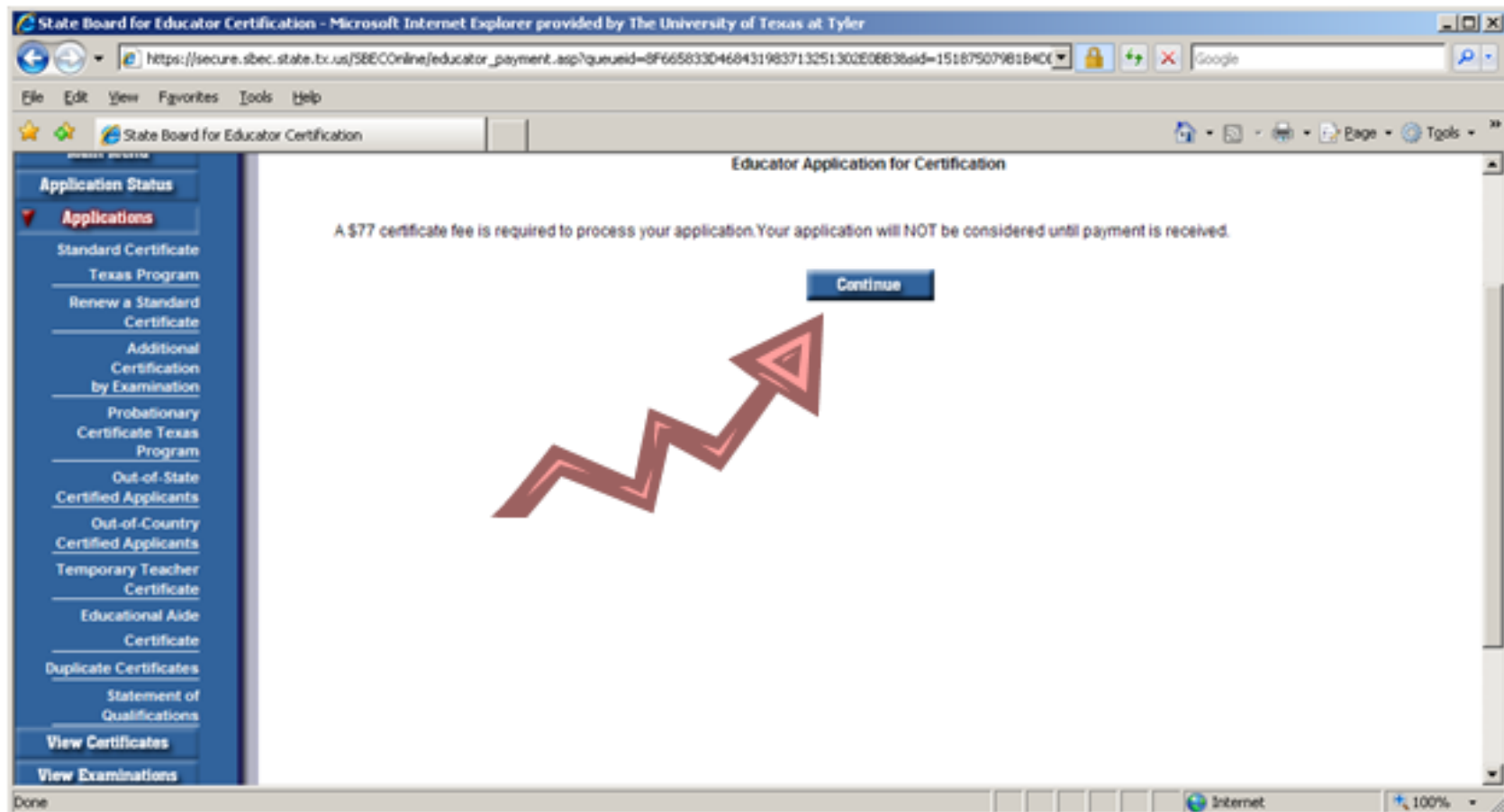
15. After choosing the correct UT Tyler choice, click on

Apply

16. The resulting page is a confirmation of the correct entity. If you accidentally chose the wrong entity, click on **re-select**. If the choice was correct—University of Texas-Tyler (University Based)—you may click on **CONTINUE**.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Educator Certification Online System - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar displays the URL: https://secure.sbcec.state.tx.us/SBCEOnline/educator_apply.asp?sid=C57521686698443AF05E111E0040660. The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The page content is titled "Educator Application for Certification" and features a sidebar menu on the left with options like "Main Menu", "Application/Tree Status", "Fingerprint Status", and "Applications". The main content area has a heading "Important!" and a message: "It is critical to the application and recommendation process that you select your correct recommending entity. Selection of the incorrect entity will delay/prevent the processing of your application and the issuance of your certificate." Below this, it states: "You have selected **University of Texas - Tyler (University Based)** to the TEA for certification." At the bottom of the message area are two buttons: "CONTINUE" and "RE-SELECT". A pink arrow points to the "CONTINUE" button, and a purple arrow points to the "RE-SELECT" button. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Internet" and "75%".

17. The following windows lead you to the payment for your certificate. Payment is made electronically. Click on 



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the State Board for Educator Certification website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: https://secure.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/educator_payment.asp?queueid=8F665833D468431983713251302E08838&id=15187507981B4C. The page title is "Educator Application for Certification".

On the left side, there is a navigation menu with the following items:

- Application Status
- Applications**
- Standard Certificate
- Texas Program
- Renew a Standard Certificate
- Additional Certification by Examination
- Probationary Certificate Texas Program
- Out-of-State Certified Applicants
- Out-of-Country Certified Applicants
- Temporary Teacher Certificate
- Educational Aide Certificate
- Duplicate Certificates
- Statement of Qualifications
- View Certificates
- View Examinations

The main content area displays the following text:

A \$77 certificate fee is required to process your application. Your application will NOT be considered until payment is received.

A blue button labeled "Continue" is positioned to the right of the text. A large, stylized red arrow with a white outline points from the bottom left towards the "Continue" button, indicating the next step in the process.

18. The next window allows you to check for accuracy.

Educator Certification Online System

Welcome Brad Pitt
TEA ID Number 123456

Logout

Educator Application Status

PAY YOUR FEES ONLINE!
TEA only accepts Electronic Checks and Credit Cards for online payment(s)!
Please Note: Out of State, Out of Country, Temporary Teaching Applications will be deleted if not paid for within 48 hours of application

Listed below are your pending requests. You may receive written or email correspondence from the TEA regarding these requests.
To view your request status details, click on the status link.

[View all my Ecommerce transactions & print a receipt.](#)

Current Requests for Virginia Fender

| Request Type | Application Date | Update Date | Entity | Fee | Status |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Standard | 11/17/2010 | 11/17/2010 | University of Texas - Tyler | PAY ONLINE NOW! | Applied |

Verification of Initial Request for Mailed Certificates

| Request Type | Application Date | Paper Copy Requested |
|---|------------------|----------------------|
| College Recommendation- University of Texas - Tyler | 11/17/2010 | Yes |

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 - Temporary Certificate
 - Additional Aide Certificate
 - Renew a Standard Aide Certificate
 - Duplicate Certificate
 - Replacement of Certificate
 - View Certificates
 - View Examinations

19. When your application is complete, you will receive an email confirming that it has been submitted to UT Tyler...



The screenshot shows an IBM Lotus Notes application window titled "Application Submitted - IBM Lotus Notes". The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Create, Actions, Help), a toolbar with various icons, and an address bar. Below the address bar, there are tabs for "Ginny Fender - Inbox", "Ginny Fender - Calendar", and "Application Submitted". A toolbar with actions like "New Memo", "Reply", "Reply To All", "Forward", "Delete", "Follow Up", "Folder", "Copy Into New", "Chat", "Show", and "Tools" is visible. The email header shows the sender as "State Board for Educator Certification" with the email address "<sbec@sbec.state.tx.us>" and a timestamp of "11/07/2007 09:10 AM". The recipient information is displayed in a table:

| | |
|---------|-----------------------|
| To | <gfender@uttyler.edu> |
| cc | |
| bcc | |
| Subject | Application Submitted |

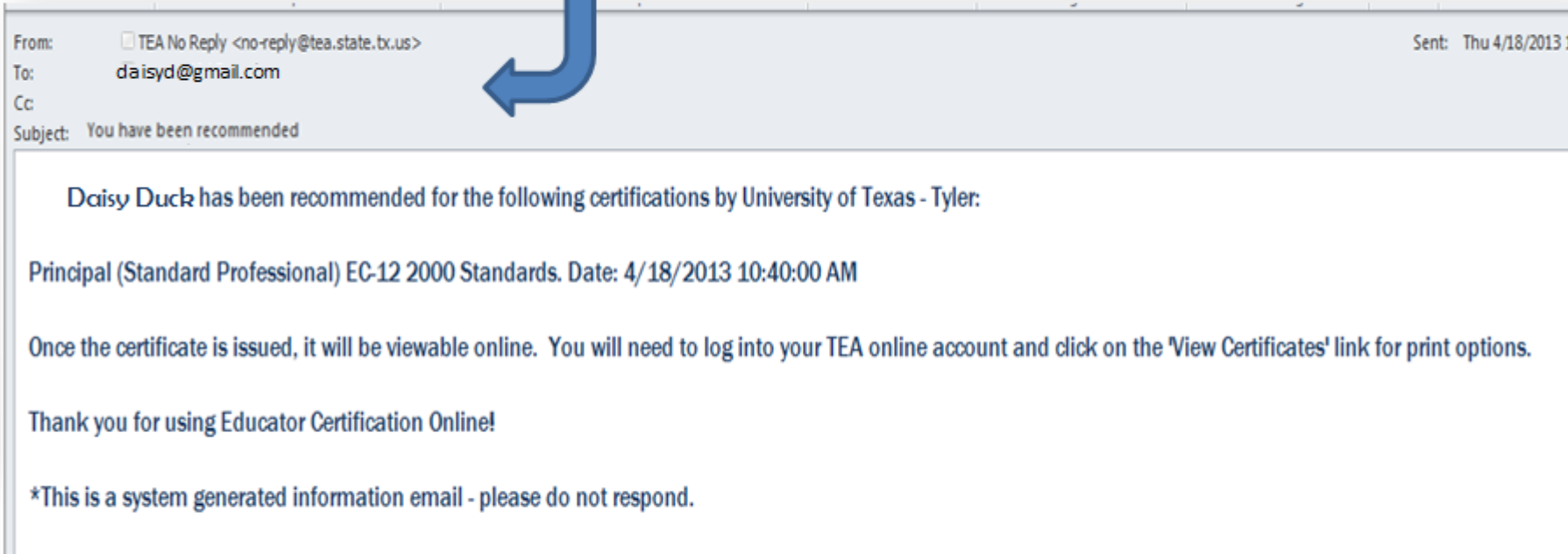
The main body of the email contains the following text:

Your application for certification has been submitted to University of Texas - Tyler. Thank You.

This is a SBEC Online system generated information email - please do not respond. Thank You.

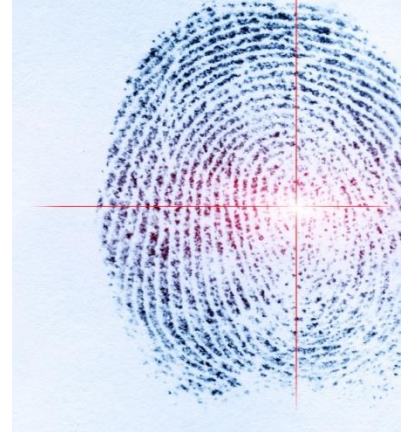
The window's taskbar at the bottom shows the "Office" application and a system tray with icons for help, volume, and network.

20. AT LAST.....when The University of Texas at Tyler makes the recommendation for your certification, you will receive an email from TEA...



21. You will be able to follow the progress of your certificate by logging in to your account. When the certificate is granted, it will be available for viewing on the Virtual Certificate site. All public schools have access to this information.

FINGERPRINTING



Fingerprinting for Texas Educators and School District Personnel



The primary function of the Division of Fingerprinting is to facilitate the process by which educators and non-educators submit their fingerprints. This information is required for the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) and Texas Education Agency (TEA) in order to comply with statutory criminal history requirements as specified in Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 22, Subchapter

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[Approved Educator Standards](#)

[Career and Technical Education \(CTE\)](#)

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[Fingerprinting](#)

[Contact Fingerprinting](#)

http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Certification/Fingerprinting/

Fingerprinting

[http://tea.texas.gov/Texas Educators/Certification/Fingerprinting/](http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Certification/Fingerprinting/)

- **How do I get fingerprinted?**
 - If you are subject to fingerprinting, when you are paying for your certificate and fingerprinting, a screen comes up to make a selection of fingerprinting method. You will get an email with a FAST PASS that you use for making your appointment with MorphoTrust USA .

Fingerprinting

<http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=5844>

- **Who has to get fingerprinted?**

- All applicants for initial certification must be fingerprinted and undergo a national criminal background check by the FBI.



Fingerprinting FAQs

http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Certification/Fingerprinting/

- **Where do I get fingerprinted?**

- The DPS has contracted with [MorphoTrust](#) (formerly known as L-1 Identity) for digital fingerprinting, and all applicants are encouraged to use this company. The current fingerprinting fee can be found at the State's website: <http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=5844>. There is also a fee paid to [MorphoTrust](#)--\$9.95.



- Locations may be found at <http://www.l1enrollment.com/locations/?st=tx>.



Fingerprinting FAQs

<http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=5844>

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Fingerprint Requirements for Certification Applicants

The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) requires all applicants to submit fingerprints for a national criminal history background check. This includes applicants for a:

- Standard certificate
- Probationary certificate
- Educational aide certificate
- One-year certificate
- Temporary teaching certificate
- Permit

Fingerprinting

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[Fingerprinting Rules](#)

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Should I Be Fingerprinted Again?

- If an educator candidate has completed the digital process using a FAST Fingerprint Pass while seeking a position with a school district, then the candidate only need pay for the certification application, even though the TEA system *may indicate he/she still needs to complete the fingerprinting process*.
- The candidate will apply for certification, pay the application fee of \$77; then wait for the process to complete. The fingerprinting information should transfer to the educator's account if it was completed through L-1 (MorphoTrust USA,) in order to become employed by a school district.
- **In summation:**
If a candidate is unsure if the fingerprint process has been completed, he/she may contact TEA at (512) 936-8400, Select Option*3 and ask a TEA attendant to look up the educator record using a personal ID number. The attendant can confirm if fingerprinting for TEA has been completed.
- **NOTE:**
If a student unnecessarily *pays the fee for fingerprinting* and needs to request a **refund** he/she may contact TEA at (512) 936-8400, Select Option*3 to *verify* that his/her completed fingerprints will transfer. Or the candidate may contact TEA at http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Certification/Fingerprinting/Contact_Fingerprinting/. In the text box indicate that you ***paid for the fingerprinting in error*** and would like the appropriate amount to be refunded back to their payment card.

Remember...

Those who *can*, **do**.

Those who can do *more*,

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