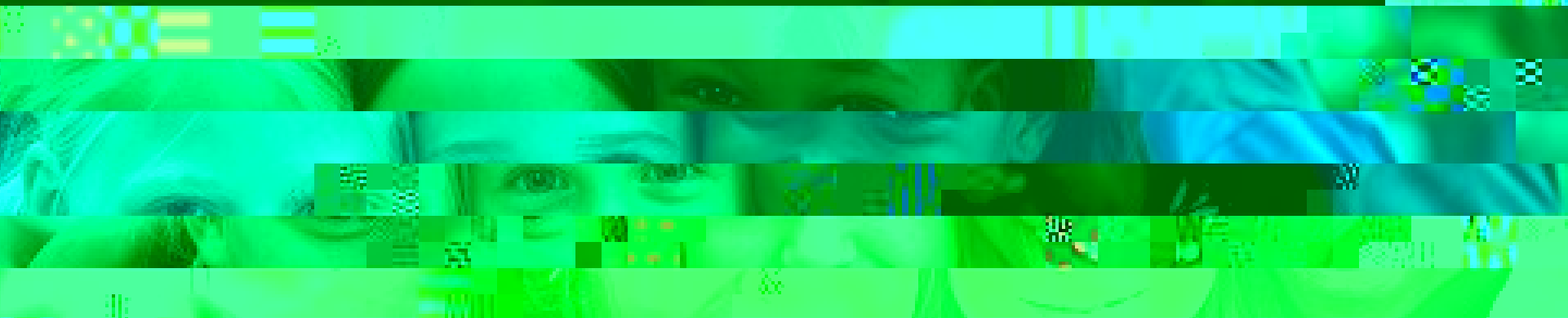


TEA is committed to ensuring that all students have access to high-quality, equitable education. We are working to improve the quality of our schools and the lives of our students. We are committed to transparency and accountability. We are committed to the success of every child.



Thank you for taking time to join today's informational call.

For clarity, attendees will be muted during the call

We will monitor questions that are raised in the chat and follow up as we can with further communication

Today's meeting will be recorded

As we've heard from individuals, programs, and organizations over the past week, we have been affirmed that **we continue to share the same goals:**

Governor Abbott has suspended certain provisions of law and rule allowing for new and continued certification for the following groups:

Teacher candidates who will begin an internship in Fall 2020

Teacher candidates who will complete clinical teaching in 2020-2021

Non-teacher candidates who will complete a practicum in 2020-2021

Teacher candidates who will complete field-based experiences in 2020-2021

The flexibility provided by Governor Abbott's suspension creates the possibility for candidates who are admitted to an EPP but who have not completed testing requirements to receive the one-year intern certificate.

Teacher candidates will be certified and able to complete internships

Districts will be able to hire interns

EPPs will be able to prepare and support candidates

The flexibility provided by Governor Abbott's waiver creates the possibility for candidates who are completing an internship, clinical teaching, or a practicum in 2020-2021 to complete these experiences in virtual settings.

Educator candidates will be able to complete clinical teaching, internships, and practicums in adapted settings

Districts using virtual settings will be able to employ and support educator candidates

EPPs will be able to prepare and support candidates

Eligibility

Teacher candidates

Without a certificate

Admitted to an EPP – Post Bac or Alternative Certification Route

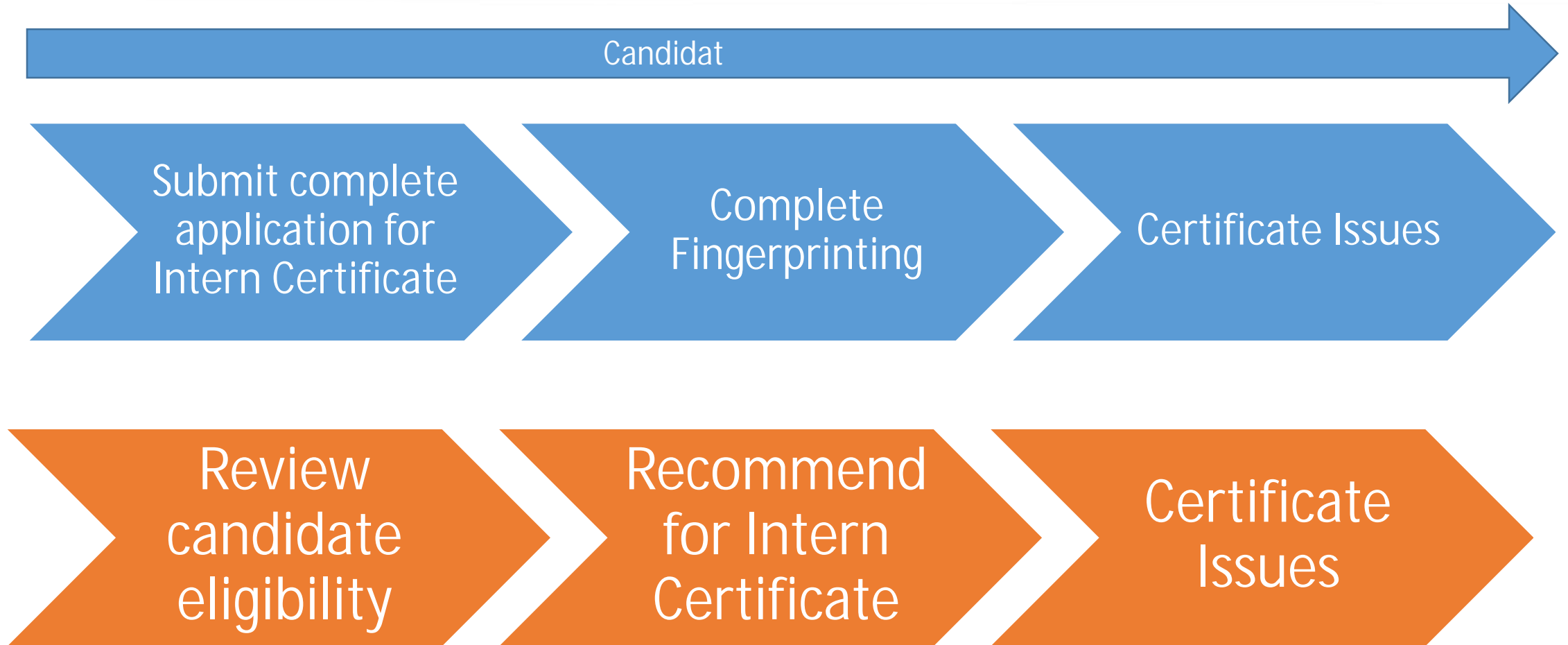
Have not passed required certification exams

Completing an internship in 2020-2021

Have an offer of employment for 2020-2021

Intern Certificate Process

Process for Certification



Timeline for Certification

- EPPs, districts, and candidates collaborate to identify internship placements
- EPPs review eligibility

Starting Now

Information, clarification, and FAQ to be posted on the TEA COVID-19 Webpage

Step by step technical guidance for EPPs

Guidance for EPPs to share with candidates

Reporting documentation template

Candidate FAQs

What constitutes a complete candidate application?

A complete candidate application is the correct online application (in this case, Intern Certificate Texas Program) submitted by the candidate with the required \$78 fee; verification of fingerprint complete status; and an EPP online recommendation for issuance of the certificate.

What steps do I take to apply for this intern certificate?

Follow the step-by-step instructions in the forthcoming guidance

Key questions – from candidates

EPP FAQs

How do programs recommend candidates for this certificate?

EPPs will use the same process to recommend these candidates as for any intern certificate, with the addition of selecting an override at recommendation. Step by step guidance will be available on the TEA website. EPPs will need to provide information about the candidate, verify the certificate, and select the district of the internship placement.

Is there any documentation is necessary for recommending these certificates?

Yes. EPPs will need to complete the Intern Certificates Recommended under Governor Waiver spreadsheet provided by TEA. This form will need to include information for all candidates recommended for an intern certificate under these conditions. This form will allow TEA to make necessary adjustments in our databases.

Do programs have to provide formal observations for these candidates on an intern certificate?

Yes. All internship requirements remain in effect, including observation requirements.

Additional technical guidance for EPP recommendation is forthcoming.

EPPs will need to recommend these certificates and the certificate must be issued prior to October 1, 2020.

Thank you