

## Office of Educator Preparation

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**From:** Office of Educator Preparation  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:44 AM  
**Subject:** STR Notification - Approaching Deadline

Hello,

This notification is for our current students that our pursuing certification in an area impacted by the Science of Teaching Reading requirement which is in effect starting January 1, 2021.

**You must be certified with a Standard Certificate to not have to take the new exam.** As noted in previous communication ([November 20<sup>th</sup> email](#)), the Office of Educator Preparation has set December 15<sup>th</sup> as the deadline to complete the requirements for standard certification. This deadline is less than one week away. The following must be completed:

- **Apply for certification with the TEA today. December 15, 2020 is the final deadline.** This means
  - applying for standard certification,
  - paying the fee for the application,
  - and paying for fingerprinting if it is necessary with the TEA.
  - The TEAL Login is <https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/>, please follow the instructions for standard certification here: <https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/certificate-issuance/application.html>
- **Schedule and complete your fingerprinting appointment prior to December 15, 2020.** A recommendation by Texas State University will not be effective if you have not completed the fingerprinting or payment requirements.
  - Information on TEA fingerprinting requirements is here: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/investigations/fingerprinting/fingerprinting-and-registry-for-schools>
- Be sure you have taken and passed your exam(s) required for your certification **on or before December 15, 2020**, as required for your certification.
  - Please note, we may be able to recommend for certification with only the 160 PPR and the 291 Core Subjects EC-6 Exam. Please reach out to our office to see if you are eligible for this possibility by submitting the following form (include your TEA ID number). [Form Link](#)

**Starting on January 1, 2021, the Science of Teaching Reading exam will be required to be certified in your field.** There will be no exceptions to the legislative rule set in HB3.

Best,

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