These instructions will tell you how to apply for a Probationary certificate, but please be aware that for it to issue after you apply:

1. You must pay the certificate and fingerprinting fees
2. You must complete the fingerprinting and they must fully process
3. Your program, who provided you with these instructions, must recommend you. You will receive a system-generated email once your program has recommended you.
4. Once your certificate has issued, you will be notified by email.

Applying for Probationary Certification

Quick start:

1. Go to tea.texas.gov and click on “TEAL Login” to create a new account or log in to an existing account.
2. After logging in, click “Access Applications” on the Self-Service menu.
3. Click on the “View My Educator Certification Account” link to access the Educator Certification Online System (ECOS).
4. Verify your profile information and click on “Continue” to move to the next screen.
5. From the Educator Main Menu, click on “Applications”.
6. Select “Probationary Certificate Texas Program” and complete the application.

For step-by-step instructions with screenshots, please continue viewing this document.
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4. Verify or update your profile information and complete all required fields.

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Educator Certification Online System (ECOS)

What’s Available in the Educator Certification Online System (ECOS)?

Click on Application/Fee Status to pay for previously submitted applications. You can also view the status of applications that may be pending.

From the menu on the left, click on Applications to:
- Apply for an Intern Certificate Texas Program
- Apply for a Probationary Certificate Texas Program
- Apply for a Standard Certificate Texas Program
- Apply to renew a Standard Certificate
- Apply for Additional Certification by Examination in classroom areas only
- Apply for an Educational Aide Certificate
- Apply for a review of out-of-state credentials, a One-Year certificate or a Standard certificate
- Apply for a review of out-of-country credentials, a One-Year certificate, or a Standard certificate

You can also:
- View your Texas educator certificates
- View your Texas examinations
- View approved educator preparation programs
6. Select “Probationary Certificate Texas Program” and complete the application.