

National Board Certified Teachers and House Bill 2

Frequently Asked Questions

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How does House Bill 2 impact National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) who earned a Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) designation prior to the 2026-27 school year?

NBCTs with an active Recognized designation will be redesignated as Nationally Board Certified in August 2026. District annual allotments for Nationally Board Certified teachers will remain at the \$3k-\$9k range, depending on campus of employment. House Bill 2 also requires a review of the National Board designation pathway.

What role does the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) play in Nationally Board Certified designations?

The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) is responsible for reviewing whether National Board Certification can continue to serve as an authorized pathway for teacher designations. SBEC's review focuses on whether the standards and requirements established by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) align with Texas teaching standards and statutory prohibitions.

If SBEC reauthorizes the pathway, eligible National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) may continue to earn Nationally Board Certified designations through this route. If SBEC revokes the pathway, the pathway will no longer be available for NBCTs who are not already designated. NBCTs working as classroom teachers may still earn performance-based designations through a district local designation system.

What is the timeline for reauthorizing this pathway?

SBEC must complete an initial review by December 31, 2026, and either reauthorize or revoke the designation pathway. If SBEC does not reauthorize the pathway by December 31, 2026, it is automatically revoked. If the pathway is revoked, SBEC can choose to review and reauthorize at any time.

If this pathway is revoked, how does this impact NBCTs who are currently designated?

If the pathway is revoked, designated NBCTs who continue to hold an active National Board certificate will maintain their Nationally Board Certified designation for five years, through the 2030-31 school year. Designated NBCTs who remain in a teaching role can continue to generate funds for their employing school system through the 2030-31 school year. NBCTs whose National Board certification lapses will lose their designation at the close of the school year in which the National Board certification expires. Designated NBCTs will receive additional communication.

If this pathway is revoked, how does this impact NBCT candidates who expect to certify in 2026 and beyond?

If SBEC revokes the pathway, NBCTs who are not yet designated will not be eligible to earn a Nationally Board Certified designation. NBCTs may still earn performance-based designations through a district local designation system.

If SBEC revokes the NBCT pathway, can districts continue to request fee reimbursement for NBCTs?

No. If SBEC revokes the Nationally Board Certified designation pathway, TEA will no longer reimburse National Board Certification or Maintenance of Certification (MOC) fees.