TEAL USER INSTRUCTIONS

TEA is gradually moving all of its applications to the new TEA Login or “TEAL”. TEAL is a more up-to-date secure-access system that replaces the application login access previously available in the Educator Certification Online System. We understand this is a significant change for everyone using the Educator Certification Online System, but this change provides increased protection of the confidentiality, integrity and availability of your profile while bringing TEA into compliance with federal and state laws.

These instructions should familiarize you with basic functions in TEAL.

1. GLOSSARY

| ECOS | The Educator Certification Online System application is considered as three distinct applications: Educator Certification Online System for Educators, Educator Certification Online System for Entities (used by Educator Preparation Programs (EPP) and District users), and the ECOS for Admins Application. |
| Educator Certification Online System for Educators | The Educator Certification Online System "blue screen" application used by all educators to manage their certifications. |
| Educator Certification Online System for Entities | The Educator Certification Online System "green screen" application used by school districts, charter schools, and educator preparation programs. |
| Entity | An entity is any school district, charter school or educator preparation program. |
| EPP | Educator Preparation Program |
| TEAL | TEA Login security application used for identity and access management. |

2. REQUESTING A TEAL NEW USER ACCOUNT

1. The first time you login to ECOS after Feb 28, 2013, you will see a new page that gives you instructions how to get started in TEAL.
2. Educators will see this page:

Educator Certification Online System (ECOS)

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1. Follow this link to create a new TEAL user account.

2. Please select "Educator" as your Organization Type on the TEAL New User Registration form. TEAL will prompt you to enter your TEA ID or Social Security Number or P Number. This will assist us in migrating your credentials to the new system.

3. After you have created your TEAL user account, you will receive an email with your new user name and password. Follow the link in this email to login, using your new user name and password.

4. After changing your password and establishing your security questions, you will be redirected to the TEAL landing page, where you can access the ECOS for Educators application by clicking on the link.

View an introduction to TEAL and receive some basic training.

Internet Explorer (IE) is the only web browser supported by TEA, and to access ECOS you must use Internet Explorer.

Entity users will see this page:

Educator Certification Online System (ECOS)

This is the login location for ECOS Entity users. THIS SITE is for ECOS ENTITY USERS ONLY.

They may include:

- Texas Colleges with Certified Programs
- Texas Alternative Certification Programs
- Texas Independent School Districts
- Texas Regional Service Centers

If you are an Educator please return to our main website found here: Educator Certification Home.

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2. After you have created your TEAL user account, you will receive an email with your new user name and password. Follow the link in this email to login, using your new user name and password.

3. After you log into TEAL, select "My Application Accounts" from the left hand menu.

4. Next, select the "Request New Account" option and select the "ECOS for Entities" from the drop-down list.

5. You will be asked if you would like to migrate your existing ECOS credentials. Select "YES" and you will be prompted to enter your old ECOS user name and password. Find your old ECOS user name or password.

NOTE: If you do not migrate your existing ECOS credentials, your request must go through an approval process. You will not be able to access the "ECOS for Entities" application until the approval process is complete, which may take several days.

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If you have approver authority, you can review TEAL Approver Training.
3. Select the "Follow this link to create a new TEAL user account".

4. The **TEA New User Registration** page appears. Complete this form.

![TEA New User Registration Form](image)

5. If you need access to the Educator Certification Online System for Educators application, please select "Educator" as your Organization Type from the drop-down list. Educators will be prompted to enter their Social Security number, or TEA ID, or P Number so that we can transfer their credentials appropriately.

![Educator Certification Form](image)
6. Depending upon your organization type, you may be asked to select your manager’s name and type your job title.

7. Be sure your email information is correct. All notifications will be sent to this address, including the information necessary to log in for the first time.

8. When you have completed the form, click the Submit button. A message will appear at the top of the page acknowledging your request.

9. Click on the Done button at the bottom of the page to return to the TEAL login page.

10. You will receive an email with your new user name, password and additional instructions.

3. LOGGING IN AND OUT OF TEAL FOR THE FIRST TIME

1. There are several ways to login to TEAL for the first time.

   a. Click on the login link in the email you received with your new user name and password.

   b. Select the TEASE and TEAL Secure Applications links in the top right corner of the TEA home page: www.tea.state.tx.us, then select “TEAL Login” on the next page.

   c. Open a web browser and type in https://pryor.tea.state.tx.us/.

2. The TEA Login page appears:
3. Enter the **Username** and **Password** you received by e-mail.

4. Click the **Login** button.
5. When you log in for the first time, you will be prompted to change the temporary TEAL password from the email. You will see this message: “Your password has expired. Please set a new password to continue.”

![Expired Password screen](image)

a. Click in the **Old Password** text box to enter the password you received by e-mail.

b. Type and retype a new password in the **New Password** and **Confirm New Password** fields.

c. Click the **Submit** button.

**PASSWORD GUIDELINES**

- Must be 8-30 characters
- Must contain the following character types: letters, numbers, and special characters (for example - #, *, $, or @)
- Must not include your username
• Must not contain variations of the word "password"
• Must not contain a character repeated more than 2 times
• Must not be the same as your previous ten passwords

6. After your password has been reset, a **Statement for Assurance** of security provisions will appear. You must agree to these provisions to continue. The same provisions will appear at login every 30 days.

7. Read the assurance provisions and click the **I Agree** button at the bottom of the page.

   a. If you do not agree to the security provisions, click **Cancel** to exit the application. However, you will be unable to access applications that use the TEAL system.
8. After you agree to the assurance provisions, the **security questions** page appears. Here, you are prompted to select and supply answers to three security questions. These questions are required and will be used to verify your identity and recover your password if you forget or lose it. These answers are confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.

   ![Security Questions Page](image)

   a. Be sure to note the **exact** answer, including capitalization, because the system needs the exact response.

   For example, suppose you use the question **In what city did you meet your spouse/significant other?** and type the answer *Ft. Davis, Texas*. If, when you forget your password, you type the answer *Fort Davis, Texas* the system will not recognize that answer as correct.

9. **Click the Save Changes button**

10. A message appears at the top of the page that your challenge/response answers have been updated.

11. The **TEAL Applications** page appears.
4. IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A TEA ONLINE EDUCATOR ACCOUNT - TRANSFER CREDENTIALS

Educators and Entity users who previously had access to ECOS will be prompted to transfer their user credentials (roles and permissions) during the TEAL account request process.

During account request process, TEAL will ask whether you have a previous ECOS account. If you select "Yes" TEAL will prompt you to provide your previous ECOS user name and password. The following screen shots show how an Educator will transfer their credentials. Entity user transfer follows the same process.

1. Login to the TEAL application:
   a. Click on the login link in the email you received with your new user name and password.
   b. Select the TEASE and TEAL Secure Applications links in the top right corner of the TEA home page: www.tea.state.tx.us, then select "TEAL Login" on the next page.
   c. Open a web browser and type in https://pryor.tea.state.tx.us/.
2. Next, click **My Application Accounts** button on left hand menu (A).

3. Click **Request New Account** button in “My Accounts” page (B).

4. Select **Educator Certification Online System for Educators** row in the list of available applications (C).

5. Click **Go To Account Details Form** button at bottom of page (D).
6. You will be asked whether you have an existing TEA Educator Certification Online System (ECOS) account and password.

7. Select **Yes** from drop down box.

8. Click **Next** button to proceed converting existing ECOS account to TEAL account.
9. You will be asked to enter your existing ECOS User ID (this is your ECOS user name) and ECOS Password. If you do not remember your ECOS account information, click “Here” link to retrieve your ECOS user name or password.

10. Click “Migrate” to transfer existing ECOS user credentials to your corresponding TEAL account.

11. A message will be displayed indicating your ECOS credentials were successfully transferred and TEAL will create a new Educator account.

   A red error message means the transfer failed. Please follow the message instructions to find out what to do next.
12. Go back to the Applications tab. A link to the Educator Certification Online System for Educators is there now. Click on the "Educator" link to access the application.

5. REQUESTING NEW ACCESS TO AN EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION ONLINE SYSTEM FOR ENTITIES APPLICATION

NOTE: This section is not applicable to Educators who selected "Educator" as their Organization Type during TEAL Self Registration. These users will automatically be given access to the Educator Certification Online System for Educators application during the self-registration process.

A TEAL username and password alone does not automatically grant access to TEA applications. You will need to submit a request and receive approval in TEAL to access each application.

1. When you log in for the first time, you will not have access to any TEA applications, unless you are an educator (educators will automatically be given access to the Educator Certification Online System for Educators application when requesting a new TEAL user account). All other users must select Apply for Access link on their TEAL landing page OR click the My Application Accounts link in the Self Service section in the upper left column of the page.
2. The My Accounts page appears where you can apply for access to a TEA application or view the applications to which you already have access. Click the **Request New Account** button on the My Accounts page.

3. A list of TEA applications will appear (see below). There are three ECOS applications, one for Educators ("blue screens"), another for Entities ("green screens") and finally, one for TEA Administrators. Highlight the ECOS you are interested in and click or select the "Go to Account Details Form" button.
4. The **Application Access** page appears. Click the **Add Access** button.
5. You will be asked whether you have an existing TEA Educator Certification Online System (ECOS) account and password. See the next section in this document regarding how to transfer your existing ECOS credentials to TEAL. For this example, select "No".

6. The Application Access Details page for the selected application appears. This page will be different for each application and this is an example for the Educator Certification Online System for Entities ("green screens") application.
7. Click in the **Employing Organization** field at the top and enter your employing organization name or ID number. TEAL will display a list of possible choices, based on what you have typed.

![Texas Education Agency User and Access Management](image)

8. Next, select a checkbox for your role. TEAL will display a description of the role you have selected. For the Educator Certification Online System for Entities application, when you select a role(s), you will also have to provide the Organization name or ID for the entity whose data you are requesting access. Usually, this is the same as your employing organization, but occasionally, some Entity users need to access more than one entity’s data.
9. Type in any additional details related to the request in the comments section, if required.

10. Click the **Done** button at the bottom of the page.

11. The application request now appears on the Application Request page.
12. Click the **Submit Request** button at the bottom of the page.

13. A success message appears that the request was submitted successfully. Note: You can submit multiple requests at the same time, as long as access to a different application or organization is requested each time.
6. REQUEST APPROVAL PROCESS

Now that you've successfully submitted your request for access to an ECOS application, the request must go through an online approval process. Access requests to all applications in TEAL must be reviewed by at least two approvers.

The **Organization Approver** provides the first level of approval. It is their responsibility to verify that the Requestor is part of their organization, and that the Requestor should have access to ECOS in the role that is being requested. The primary organization approver is the leader of that organization, such as the school district superintendent or the EPP Director.

**Service Approvers** provide the final approval for access requests to ECOS applications. Service approvers are TEA employees with deep understanding of the application and the relevant roles and permissions.

A denial from any approver will result in an email notification to the requestor.
7. ACCESSING AN ECOS APPLICATION

After you have requested and been granted access to an ECOS application, you can easily access that application through TEAL by clicking the Access Applications link in the Self-Service section. Educator Certification Online System for Educators, Educator Certification Online System for Entities and ECOS for Admins will each have separate links.

If you have access to multiple applications, each application will be listed separately, as seen below. If you have been granted access for more than one organization, each organization and the roles you have been approved for will be displayed and accessed through separate links.

When you select the access link, the application opens up in a new web page.
8. GETTING A PASSWORD RESET AND USERNAME REMINDER

1. Select the Educator Login button or the TEASE and TEAL Secure Applications links in the top right corner of the TEA home page: www.tea.state.tx.us. Also, you can open a web browser and go to https://pryor.tea.state.tx.us/.

2. The TEA Login page appears:

   ![TEA Login Page](image)

   **WARNING:** Unauthorized use of this system or its data is prohibited; usage may be subject to security testing and monitoring; misuse is subject to criminal prosecution; and users have no expectation of privacy except as otherwise provided by applicable privacy laws.

   **FORGOTTEN PASSWORD**

   1. Click the Forgot your password? link.

   2. The TEAL password reset page appears, where you need to enter your Username.
3. Click the **Submit** button.

4. You will be asked to answer the three security questions you selected when registering.

5. Click the **Submit** button. If you answered the questions correctly, an automatic e-mail is generated containing a new password, which you must change as soon as you log in again.

**FORGOTTEN USERNAME**

1. Click the **Forgot your username?** link.

2. The **Forgot User Name** page appears. Type your e-mail address. This address must be same as the one associated with your username; otherwise, the system will not be able to identify you.

3. Click the **Submit** button.

4. An email with your TEAL user name will be sent to the email address on your TEAL user record.
5. A message appears that your username has been sent to your e-mail address. If you do not receive an e-mail shortly, contact TEAL.Support@tea.state.tx.us at the e-mail address shown on the page.

9. USER PROFILE UPDATES

After TEAL integration, some ECOS identity information will be managed in TEAL instead of within the ECOS application. This applies to all ECOS users including educators, entity users and TEA staff. Identity data impacted includes:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Month of Birth
- Day of Birth
- Email address

**NOTE:** Educators cannot change their name or birth information in ECOS after integrating with TEAL. They must contact TEA's Educator Standards and Certification division.

Below is an illustration of how educator's profile setup looks like after TEAL integration.

When an educator accesses the Educator Certification Online System for Educators application for the first time, the educator will be required to review and complete their profile information before they can navigate to any other page. This includes entering their birth year, phone number, ethnicity, driver license number and state.
The following are changes to educator profile page:

1. Educators will no longer be able to change their month and day of birth (see “A”). To request birth day and/or month change, they must follow the same process used for name changes by sending an email request to TEA. There is a link on this page to send the email request.

2. Email address must be changed in TEAL application (see instruction on how to change email address in “B”). Once email address is changed in TEAL, the educator will be able to see the updated email address (see field noted as “C” in the screen shot) next time they login to Educator Certification Online System for Educators.

3. Each time a user’s profile information (first name, last name, month of birthday, day of birthday, email address) is changed in the TEAL application, a notification email will be sent to the user.
10. OTHER SELF-SERVICE FEATURES AND HELP

You can use the Self-Service features to edit your TEAL profile, check the status of requests you have submitted, and change your TEAL password.