



To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	September 24, 2020
SUBJECT:	Industry-Based Certification Reimbursements Update and Information: Deadline Extension
CATEGORY:	House Bill (HB) 3 Reimbursement
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate staff, including CTE Directors, PEIMS Coordinators, and budget staff

This letter provides an update on the extension of the deadline for districts to submit data to receive an Industry-Based Certification (IBC) Examination Reimbursement.

Texas Education Code (TEC), §48.156, permits the state to provide a **one-time** reimbursement to **districts and open-enrollment charter schools** to help defray the cost of IBC exams taken by students in Grades 9-12. Only **one reimbursement per student** is allowable for a **passed** exam. LEAs will receive estimated funding **annually** for IBC exam reimbursement. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will settle up with LEAs in the spring of the following year once cost and certifying entity information has been collected through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS).

On August 6, 2020, TEA released a [To The Administrator Addressed letter](#) detailing the HB 3 IBC Examination Reimbursement policy. The letter outlined the instructions for requesting reimbursement for IBCs earned from September 1, 2019, to May 31, 2020. Although these IBCs were reported in the 2019-2020 PEIMS summer submission, PEIMS did not include fields for cost and certifying entity, which are required for reimbursement. Therefore, districts must submit to TEA the list of these IBCs with the cost and certifying entity. TEA provided notice in the August 6, 2020, letter that the deadline to submit these IBCs was October 2, 2020.

Based on stakeholder feedback, TEA will extend the deadline to **November 2, 2020. TEA will not accept submissions after November 2, 2020.**

Information regarding the details of the IBC reimbursement policy, including instructions and the location of submission, can be found on the TEA [website](#).

For additional questions, please contact Advanced Academics at advancedacademics@tea.texas.gov or 512-463-9762.