

Candidate edTPA Hardship Verification Form

In a special called meeting in September 2020, the State Board of Education approved licensure assessment flexibility that allows certain teachers and teacher candidates to submit qualifying scores on the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) assessment appropriate to their grade band, in lieu of the edTPA, under specific circumstances related to health and logistical challenges during clinical practice. The following individuals may utilize this flexibility:

1. Individuals holding a one-year provisional license, set to expire Aug. 31, 2021, issued pursuant to emergency rule 0520-02-03-.15; and
2. Individuals scheduled to complete a State Board approved educator preparation program during the 2020-21 school year who have completed all other licensure requirements for graduation.
 - a. To be eligible for this flexibility, educator preparation providers (EPPs) recommending candidates in this group for licensure must submit verification to the department of education that the individual was unable to complete the edTPA due to health related reasons and/or significant logistical challenges, using the form below.

Educator preparation providers (EPPs) may determine candidate eligibility on a case-by-case basis. Situations that constitute a hardship may include:

1. health related challenges due to COVID-19 (e.g., candidate or mentor teacher is quarantined for an extended period due to COVID-19 infection or exposure);
2. logistical challenges related to an inability to record audio or video required for successful edTPA submission (e.g., school or district does not allow video or audio recording);
3. logistical challenges related to ongoing shifts in mode of instruction (i.e., virtual, hybrid, and/or in-person); or
4. logistical challenges related to completing specific expectations of the handbook in a virtual context.

The Candidate edTPA Hardship Verification Form must be completed for any candidate that the EPP determines is unable to complete the edTPA due to significant health concerns or logistical challenges. The EPP must submit the completed form in TNCompass along with the licensure recommendation.

Candidate Name	Candidate SSN	EPP Name
<input type="checkbox"/> The EPP affirms that the above candidate experienced a logistical or health related hardship during the 2020-21 school year and was unable to complete the edTPA. This candidate has completed all other requirements for licensure recommendation and will complete the grade band appropriate PLT in lieu of the edTPA to fulfill the pedagogical assessment requirement.		
EPP Director Signature	EPP Director Name	Date