Texas Education Agency

Educator Certification Variable Definitions

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| **Variable** | **Type** | **Width** | **Format** | **Definition** |
| 1 | ID2 | Character | 9 | $9. | ERC identification number (SSN proxy). |
| 2 | gender | character | 20 | $20. | The educator’s gender. |
| 3 | ethnicity\_cd | character | 3 | $3. | The ethnic background of the educator. Examples: African American, Hispanic. |
| 4 | ethnicity | character | 30 | $30. | The explanation of ethnicity\_cd. |
| 5 | country\_cd | character | 2 | $2. | The country associated with the educator's mailing address. |
| 6 | country\_descr | character | 80 | $80. | The explanation of country. |
| 7 | cert\_term\_cd | character | 5 | $5. | The term for which the certificate is valid. Examples: 5-year, life. |
| 8 | cert\_term | character | 25 | $25. | The explanation of cert\_term\_cd. |
| 9 | cert\_type\_cd | character | 5 | $5. | The type of certificate. Examples: standard, lifetime, probationary. |
| 10 | cert\_type | character | 40 | $40. | The explanation of cert\_type\_cd. |
| 11 | cert\_pgm\_cd | character | 5 | $5. | The preparation route. Examples: Alternative, Out-of-State. Note. The Traditional route is stored as Standard. |
| 12 | cert\_pgm | character | 30 | $30. | The explanation of cert\_pgm\_cd. |
| 13 | cert\_field\_cd | character | 5 | $5. | A TEA-assigned grouping of certifications. Examples: Life Science, Music. Needed to join Cert\_licenses to the Certifications table. |
| 14 | cert\_field | character | 35 | $35. | The explanation of cert\_field\_cd, above. |
| 15 | grade\_level\_cd | character | 5 | $5. | The certification grade level. Examples: 1-6, 9-12. |
| 16 | cycle | numeric | 8 | 11. | The renewal cycle of the certificate. Examples: original, first renewal, second renewal. |
| 17 | cert\_issue\_dt | numeric | 8 | datetime20. | The date on which the certificate was issued. |
| 18 | cert\_effective\_dt | numeric | 8 | datetime22.3 | The date on which the certificate became effective. |
| 19 | cert\_expire\_dt | numeric | 8 | datetime22.3 | The date on which the certificate is expected to expire. |
| 20 | county\_org\_cd | character | 6 | $6. | The six-digit code identifying the organization. |
| 21 | org\_name | character | 40 | $40. | The name of the organization. |
| 22 | org\_type | character | 15 | $15. | The type of organization. Examples: Independent School District, Education Service Center. |
| 23 | city | character | 25 | $25. | The city portion of the organization's address. |
| 24 | state | character | 2 | $2. | The state portion of the organization's address. |
| 25 | zip\_code | character | 9 | $9. | The Zip code portion of the organization's address. |
| 26 | county\_cd | character | 3 | $3. | The county where the organization is located. |
| 27 | region\_cd | character | 3 | $3. | The region in which the organization is located. Examples: Region 1, Region 2. |  |
| 28 | degree\_cd | character | 5 | $5. | The educator's degree. Examples: bachelor's, master's. |
| 29 | degree\_dt | numeric | 8 | datetime20. | The date on which the degree was conferred. |
| 30 | degree\_state | character | 2 | $2. | The state where the institution is located. |
| 31 | institution\_name | character | 65 | $65. | The institution that conferred the degree. |

August 31 is the cut-off date for a certification year, based on the ‘effective date’ in the class and non-class certification files.

The file sbec\_2019**c** contains certification data for **c**lassroom personnel such as teachers.  The file sbec\_2019**nc** contains certification data for **n**on-**c**lassroom roles such as principals, superintendents, counselors, etc.