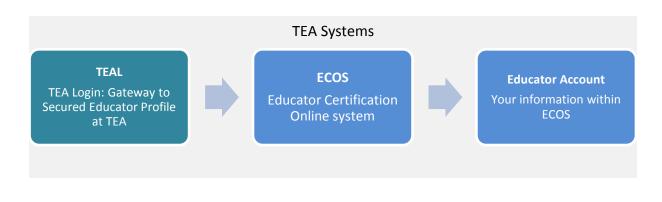
TEAL (TEA Login) is the security gateway to Texas Education Agency (TEA) web resources. To access your Educator Account, you will need to setup up a TEAL user ID with access to your profile in the Educator Certification Online System (ECOS).





IMPORTANT!!! Your name is used to connect all your records and is transmitted to the Educational Testing Service (ETS). If your name does not match <u>EXACTLY</u> on your Texas Driver's License/State ID card and on your Educator Certification profile, you will not be able to log in to your Educator Account or register for tests at the ETS. If your name has changed or differs between these sources, <u>STOP</u>, and follow the <u>Name Change instructions</u> on our website.

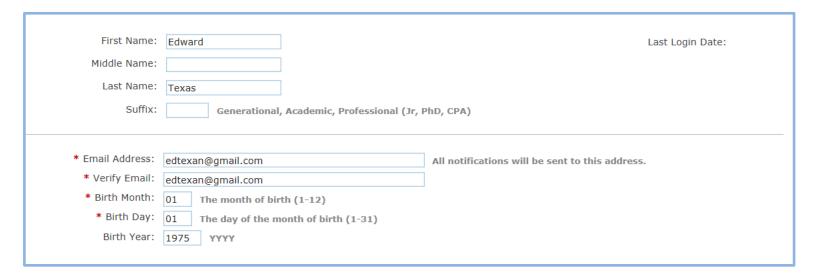
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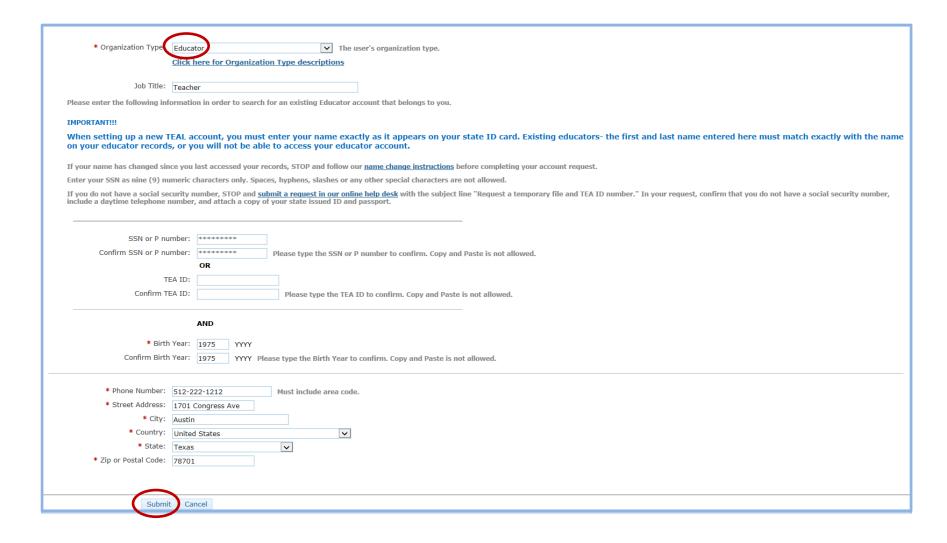
- 2. On the next screen, click Create a new TEAL account.
- 3. Enter required information on the TEAL user information page. You must enter the name in TEAL as it exists on your Texas Driver's License/State ID card and on your Educator Certification. Do not use nicknames (example: "Bill" vs. "William") or other variations.

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Also, make sure you capitalize the first letter of your first and last name and make the rest lower case. For example: Jane Doe; Not JANE DOE or jane doe.

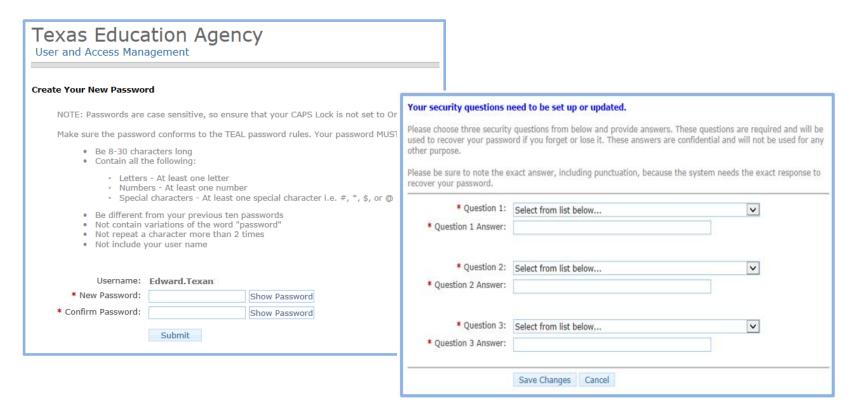


4. Select "Educator" for the Organization Type, enter the required information, and click Submit.



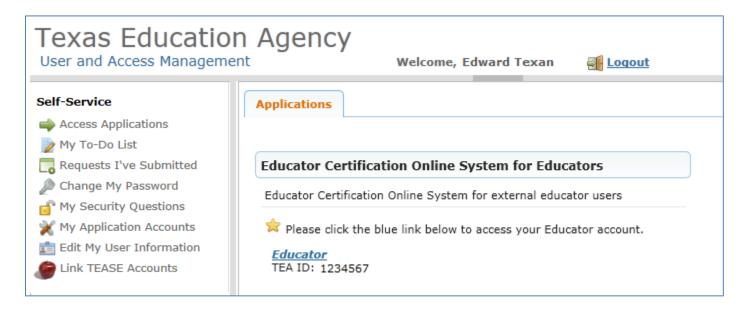
5. Click **Submit**.

6. You will be prompted immediately to create a password. Your password must meet the TEAL security requirements listed on that page. Then, you will be prompted to set up answers to three security questions. The answers to your security questions will be used to reset your password.



7. After completing the security questions, you will see the Self-Service menu on the left and the <u>Educator</u> link with your TEA ID number. Click on the <u>Educator</u> link.

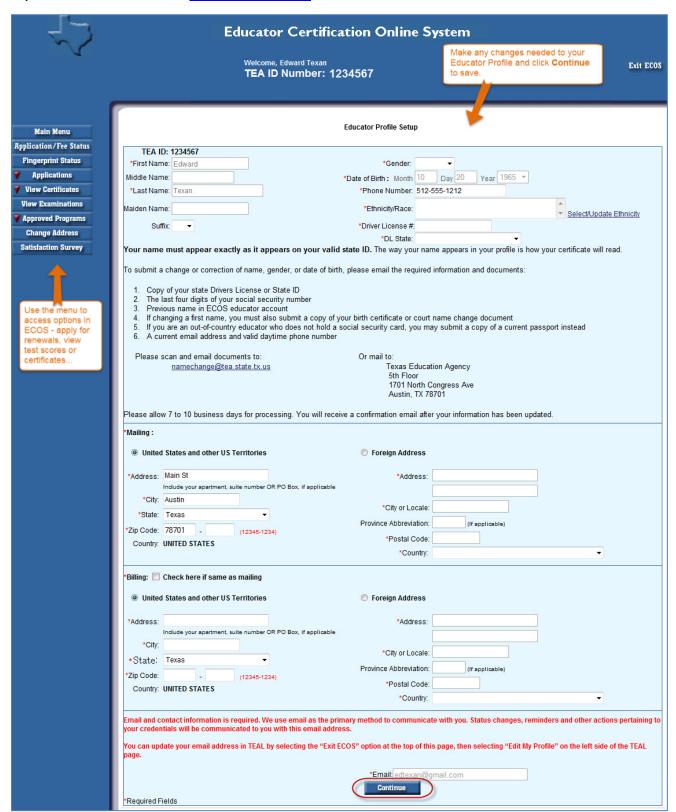
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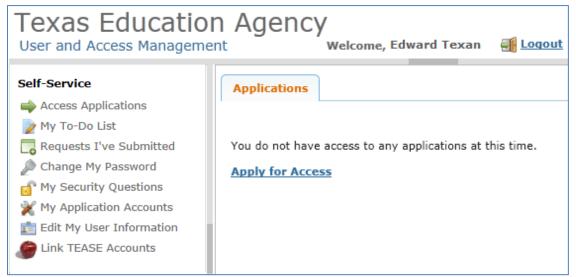
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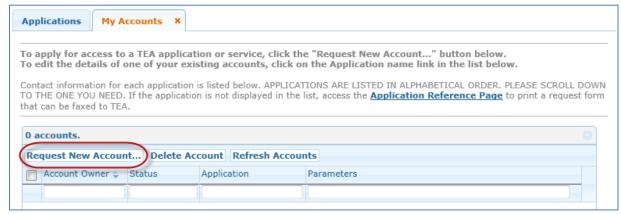
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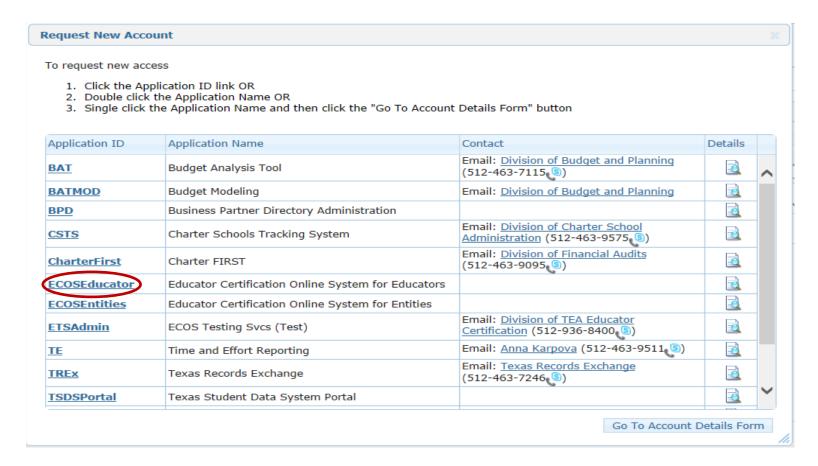


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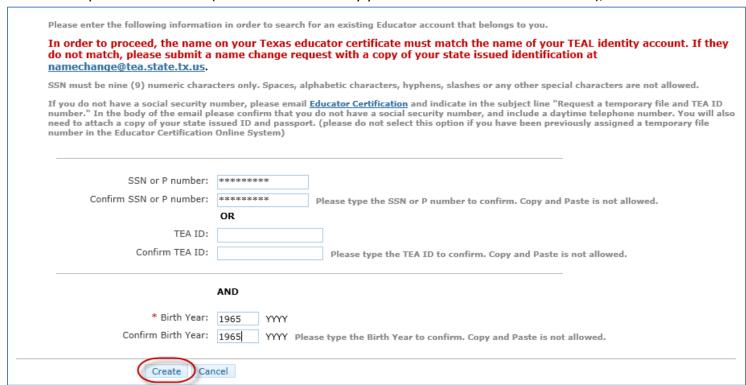
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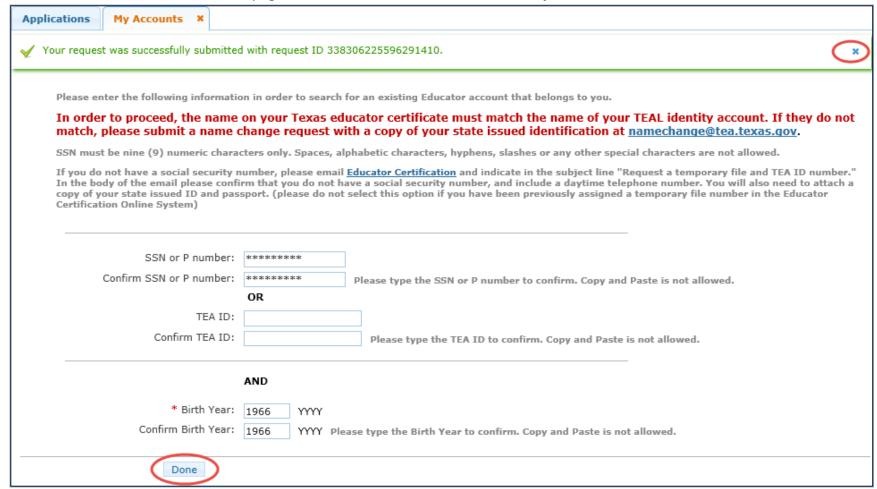
The system displays confirmation in green.

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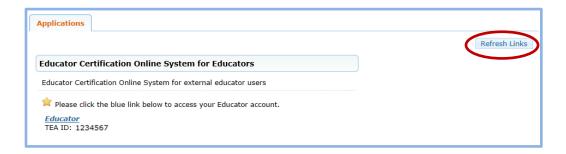
5. Click **Done** at the bottom of the pag or click the "x" on the tab to close the **My Accounts** tab.



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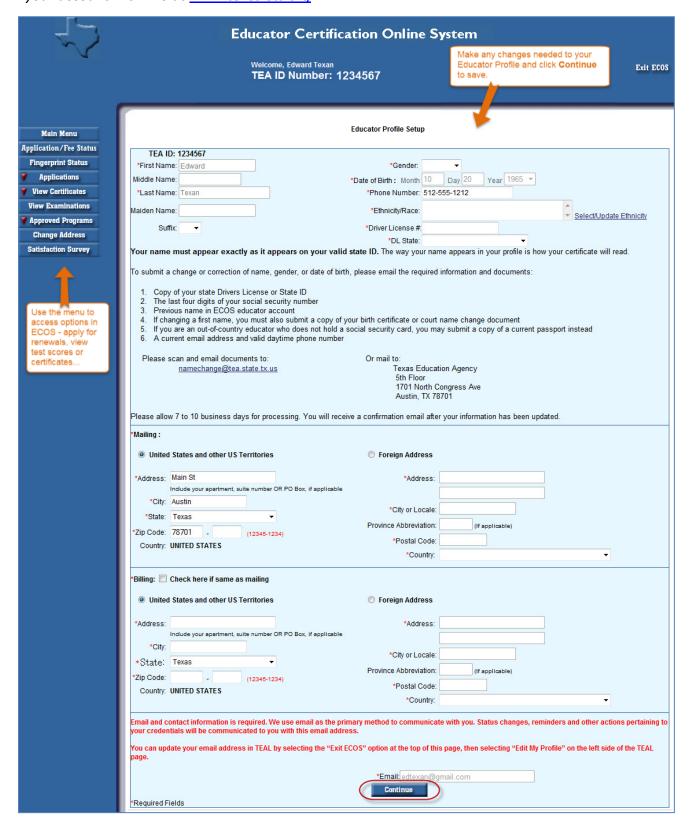


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