

New 32 hour Requirement

You will need to meet the new 32 hour requirements if you:

- 1) Submit your SIT or RPLS (for out of state) application after January 1, 2026
- 2) Submit your SIT application before January 1, 2026 but will not meet the requirements for approval (including the old 32 hour requirements and experience) until after January 1, 2026
- 3) Submit your RPLS application after January 1, 2026 and were approved as a Texas SIT under 1071.253 (5) [high school only].
- 4) You have a preliminary evaluation performed on your education that determined you met the previous 32 hour requirement but have not submitted a complete application before January 1, 2026.

You will NOT need to meet the new 32 hour requirements if:

- 1) Your SIT application was approved under 1071.253 (1-4) prior to January 1, 2026 regardless of whether you have taken or passed the FS exam by January 1, 2026.
- 2) You submit a complete RPLS application before January 1, 2026 and have met all requirements (including the old 32 hour requirements and experience) before January 1, 2026.
- 3) You are already an RPLS.

32 hour requirement FAQs

I submitted at least 32 hours of coursework in my SIT application as required under 1071.253 (2) and (4) before January 1, 2026. My SIT application was then approved with these educational credentials.

Will I need to meet the new 32 hour requirement if I submit a surveying application after January 1, 2026.

No. Your 32 hours of courses acceptable to the board were approved as part of your SIT application and you will not need to meet the new requirements.

What if I don't pass the FS exam before January 1, 2026 and am not an SIT by then?

No, you will not need to meet the new 32 hour requirement because your 32 hours of courses acceptable to the board were approved as part of your SIT application.

What if my SIT certificate expires after January 1, 2026 and I have to renew my SIT certificate. Will I need to meet the new 32 hour rule?

No. Your 32 hours of courses acceptable to the board were approved as part of your SIT application and you will not need to meet the new requirements.

What if my application was not complete when I submitted it, and I had to submit additional experience, references, or education gained after January 1, 2026?

If your application was not complete or you did not meet the requirements for an approved application prior to January 1, 2026, then you must meet the new requirements.

My SIT application was submitted and/or approved under Section 1071.253 (5). There is no higher education course requirements for this section. Will I need to meet the new 32 hour requirement after January 1, 2026?

Yes. You must meet the new requirements.

If my education was reviewed and approved prior to January 1, 2026 – what documentation will I need to have to demonstrate that if I apply for SIT after January 1, 2026?

There will be no preliminary approval for the old 32 hour accepted in an application. You must meet the new requirements if you are applying after January 1, 2026