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# Memorandum

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**TO:** Community Partners, DARS

**FROM:** Sheryl D. Emery, M.A.  
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**SUBJECT:** BEI Units

The Division has received inquiries from individuals interesting in teaching, "How to take the BEI". While we appreciate the interest, a policy decision has been made in agreement with our Texas partners to not "teach to the test". Thus we will not endorse or provide BEI units for workshops that focus on taking or testing for the BEI. The BEI is a skill based test. Everything you need to know about taking this test is on our website located within the BEI Study Guide and available to anyone at no charge.

We will offer BEI units for skill based workshops and English improvement. We encourage candidates to develop peer based study groups and review the many free resources available on line. These resources are available in the above mentioned BEI Study Guide. We will also offer BEI units for workshops presented by our Texas partners; DARS, and those officially designated by the Division as DODHH BEI Trainers.