

District of Innovation FAQ
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Below is a list of frequently asked questions that may be of assistance related to the District of Innovation designation.

1. How do I become a District of Innovation (DOI)? Please refer to TEC 12A and TAC Chapter 102, Subchapter JJ for information on eligibility and the process to become a District of Innovation http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Schools/District_Initiatives/Districts_of_Innovation/

2. Am I required to notify the TEA during my process to become a District of Innovation (DOI)?
Yes, notification on your DOI process is required at two points: 1) Prior to the board of trustees approval of the plan along with approved exemptions by completing the agency form in TAC §102.1307(d). Districts must notify the commissioner of board of trustees approval of the plan along with approved exemptions by completing the agency form in TAC §102.1307(d). Districts must notify the commissioner after the plan is amended, renewed, or rescinded, however, unlike adoption of a new plan, a notice of intent to amend, renew, or rescind the plan is not required.

3. What forms are necessary for my DOI?
 - x Resolution - the agency has no defined form for the resolution. Please consult with your legal counsel regarding your local policies. In addition, TASB has a sample resolution available on their website for reference.
 - x DOI Plan - As each district's local innovation plan should be developed specifically for their local needs and provide exemptions that inhibit the goals of their plan, there is no standard template. Please note the requirements of a local innovation plan per TEC §12A.003, which must provide for a comprehensive educational program for the district and identify the specific TEC exemptions that inhibit the goals of the plan.
 - x Notice of Intent to Vote - the agency has no defined form for the notice of intent to vote. Ple 0.8 (u)-0.ri07 (fe3_n) (o)-4.12(t)1.7 (e)JTJ1()-5.6 (n)-p.1 (gr)TJ1()-r-4.1()-.9 (g)1.1 (e)0 (t)

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12. Can a district exempt itself from Certification requirements for Bilingual, English as a Second

21. My DOI plan expired without being renewed. Is the district able to renew the plan or must the entire adoption process be repeated in order to become a DOI again? It depends. Should the district fail to renew the plan prior to its expiration date, the district may renew the plan in the six months subsequent to the plan's date of expiration. A plan renewed during this six-month period must meet the requirements located in 19 TAC §102.1313(a)(3)(B)(i). See the agency's [DOI Amendment and Renewal guidance document](#) for more information.

A district whose plan is not renewed in the six months subsequent to the plan's date of expiration shall comply with all previously adopted exemptions immediately upon expiration of the plan and begin the adoption process over again in its entirety should the district wish to pursue designation as a district of innovation in the future.

22. Can the commissioner terminate a district's designation as a DOI? Yes, after two consecutive school years of unacceptable academic and/or financial ratings the commissioner may terminate a district's designation as a DOI or require the district to amend their DOI plan. After three consecutive school years of unacceptable academic and/or financial ratings the commissioner must terminate the district's designation as a DOI.