

**POTENTIAL IMPACT OF FINAL RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO ACCREDITATION CRITERIA
ON CURRENTLY ACCREDITED PUBLIC LIBRARIES
BASED ON LOCAL FISCAL YEAR 2013 DATA**

The following analysis uses the preliminary data from local fiscal year 2013. The tables show accreditation status, the population assigned to the library, the amount the library reported, and the amount the library might be short, should the minimums be increased. NOTE: Pages 1-3 analyze the impact on currently unaccredited libraries only; unaccredited public libraries are addressed on the last page of this document.

PROPOSED MINIMUM LOCAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES – 13 TAC 1.74 – TSLAC staff review Question 4.2, Local Operating Expenditures, in the Public Library Annual Report to determine whether a library meets this criteria.

Local Fiscal Year 2016-Minimum local operating expenditures \$15,000. At this level, seven currently accredited libraries may not meet this criteria. Two of these are in federated library systems. Their accreditation is based on the entire system. Based on the federated system, these two libraries should meet this criteria.

Accreditation Status	Population Assigned	Question 4.2 Amount as reported for LFY2013	Diff between \$15,000 and reported amount LFY2013
Member	3,264	\$14,757	\$243
Member	1,060	\$13,807	\$1,193
Member	1,486	\$13,016	\$1,984
Member	1,601	\$14,966	\$34
Member	795	\$11,300	\$3,700
Member-FLS	2,259	\$14,465	\$535
Member-FLS	3,173	\$11,068	\$3,932

Local Fiscal Year 2019-Minimum local operating expenditures \$18,000. At this level, twelve currently accredited libraries may not meet this criteria. This includes the group above and adds another five that may not meet this criteria. Two are in federated library systems. Their accreditation is based on the entire system. Based on the federated system, these two libraries should meet this criteria.

Accreditation Status	Population Assigned	Question 4.2 Amount as reported for LFY2013	Diff between \$18,000 and reported amount LFY2013
Member	3,264	\$14,757	\$3,243
Member	1,060	\$13,807	\$4,193
Member	1,486	\$13,016	\$4,984
Member	1,601	\$14,966	\$3,034
Member	795	\$11,300	\$6,700
Member-FLS	2,259	\$14,465	\$3,535
Member-FLS	3,173	\$11,068	\$6,932
Member	3,789	\$15,727	\$2,273
Member	2,162	\$15,806	\$2,194
Member	1,447	\$16,272	\$1,728
Member	3,356	\$16,690	\$1,310
Member	3,076	\$17,801	\$199

Local Fiscal Year 2022-Minimum local operating expenditures \$21,000. At this level, nineteen currently accredited libraries may not meet this criteria. This includes the groups above and adds another seven that may not meet this criteria. Two are in federated library systems. Their accreditation is based on the entire system. Based on the federated system, these two libraries should meet this criteria.

Accreditation Status	Population Assigned	Question 4.2 Amount as reported for LFY2013	Diff between \$21,000 and reported amount LFY2013
Member	3,264	\$14,757	\$6,243
Member	1,060	\$13,807	\$7,193
Member	1,486	\$13,016	\$7,984
Member	1,601	\$14,966	\$6,034
Member	795	\$11,300	\$9,700
Member-FLS	2,259	\$14,465	\$6,535
Member-FLS	3,173	\$11,068	\$9,932
Member	3,789	\$15,727	\$5,273
Member	2,162	\$15,806	\$5,194
Member	1,447	\$16,272	\$4,728
Member	3,356	\$16,690	\$4,310
Member	3,076	\$17,801	\$3,199
Member	2,740	\$18,532	\$2,469
Member	6,694	\$18,940	\$2,060
Member	654	\$18,957	\$2,043
Member	3,321	\$19,605	\$1,395
Member	1,927	\$19,897	\$1,103
Member	3,844	\$19,939	\$1,061
Member	2,323	\$20,531	\$469

PROPOSED MINIMUM LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT – 13 TAC 1.77 – TSLAC staff review Question 4.3, Local Government Expenditures, in the Public Library Annual Report to determine whether a library meets this criteria. To calculate whether a library meets the criteria, the 13 TAC 1.81 minimum per capita expenditures or minimum local operating expenditures are divided by two and then multiplied by the library’s LFY2013 population assignment.

Local Fiscal Year 2016-Minimum local government support. At this level, \$7,500 ($\$15,000/2$) will be required as a minimum. All currently accredited libraries assigned population of 5,000 or fewer will meet this level. For libraries serving between 5,001 and 10,000, two accredited libraries may not meet the \$2.025 ($\$4.05/2$) minimum local government support. No other population range shows a potential accreditation impact with this level of local government support.

Local Fiscal Year 2019-Minimum local government support. At this level, \$9,000 ($\$18,000/2$) will be required as a minimum. All currently accredited libraries assigned population of 5,000 or fewer will meet this level. For libraries serving between 5,001 and 10,000, two accredited libraries may not meet the \$2.065 ($\$4.13/2$) minimum local government support. No other population range shows a potential accreditation impact with this level of local government support.

Local Fiscal Year 2022-Minimum local government support. At this level, \$10,500 ($\$21,000/2$) will be required as a minimum. One currently accredited library assigned population of 5,000 or fewer may not meet this level. For libraries serving between 5,001 and 10,000, two accredited libraries may not meet the \$2.105 ($\$4.21/2$) minimum local

government support. No other population range shows a potential accreditation impact with this level of local government support.

PROPOSED QUANTITATIVE STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF LIBRARY – 13 TAC 1.81 – TSLAC staff use several questions to determine whether a public library meets these criteria. For the minimum local operating expenditures per capita minimum, Question 4.2 Local Operating Expenditures, and current population assigned are used. For one item per capita or 15% of local operating expenditures are expended on the collection, Questions 4.1, Local Expenditures on Collections and Question 4.2 are analyzed, as well as Question 6.15, Total Number of Volumes, Items, or Physical Units and current population assigned.

Proposed minimum per capita expenditures increases – One federated library may be impacted by the proposed increases to this criteria. At the highest levels of increases in 2022, eight currently accredited public libraries may have issues with this criteria.

One serves more than 500,000, two serve between 50,001 and 100,000, one serves between 25,001 and 25,000, two serve between 10,001 and 25,000, two serve between 5,001 and 10,000 and one serves 5,000 or fewer. However, that library is part of a federated library system.

For the One item per capita or expend at least 15% on collections requirement, a Library must have **either** one item per capita **or** expend at least 15% of the local expenditures on the purchase of library materials. Four currently accredited public libraries do not meet the one item per capita. Two are in a federated library system and are accredited based on the entire system. Based on this, these two libraries meet the requirement of one item per capita. One of the four may meet the collection criteria because their local collections' expenditures exceed 15% of their local operating expenditures.

UNACCREDITED PUBLIC LIBRARY ANALYSIS

This analysis does not include those libraries that do not receive local government revenue. Per 13 TAC 1.71, population is not assigned to libraries that do not receive local government revenue. Those libraries are not eligible for accreditation.

Seventeen public libraries that reported their local fiscal year 2013 data to TSLAC are not accredited. Four of these libraries have reported since at least 1996 and never been accredited.

PROPOSED MINIMUM LOCAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES – 13 TAC 1.74

Seven of those do not meet the current minimum local expenditure amount of \$10,650 in 13 TAC 1.74. Those same seven may not meet the increases to \$15,000 and \$18,000 minimums. Nine of these libraries may not meet the \$21,000 minimum.

PROPOSED MINIMUM LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT – 13 TAC 1.77

Nine currently unaccredited public libraries do not currently meet the local government support. Twelve currently unaccredited public library may not meet the local government support criteria at the proposed increase in 2016.

PROPOSED QUANTITATIVE STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF LIBRARY – 13 TAC 1.81

Five do not have 1 item per capita.

One does not have enough MLS librarians on staff.

Seven of these libraries' directors do not work enough hours per week.

Two are not open enough hours per week.

Eleven do not meet the minimum per capita expenditures criteria.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS - 13 TAC 1.83

One library does not have a listed telephone number.

One does not have a catalog that is searchable.

Three do not have a long-range plan.

Two do not have a photocopier available to the public.

Nine of the head librarians/directors did not complete 10 hours of CE.

Two do not offer to lend and four do not offer to borrow through ILL. (However, they are not eligible for the statewide ILL program).

One does not have Internet available to the public.