



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Test Requirements for Certification in New Jersey

In order to obtain certification, candidates must meet New Jersey's testing requirements. Below you will find requirements and registration information for [Basic Skills](#), [Praxis Subject Assessments](#), [Praxis School Leadership Series](#) and [Performance Assessment \(edTPA\)](#). Refer to the [Requirements for Certification](#) webpage for further details regarding certification. Make sure you also check the [Certificate Subject Area requirements](#) webpage for your specific testing requirements. Available tests, test requirements and test code numbers are listed on the following pages for your assistance.

Instructions for the Basic Skills Tests (Core Academic Skills for Educators) Registration

Any candidate applying for a Certificate of Eligibility (CE) on or after **September 1, 2015** must meet the [basic skills requirement](#). This requirement can be met by passing a Commissioner-approved test of basic skills (Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading, Writing and Math), or by scoring in the top one-third percentile on the SAT, ACT, or GRE for the year the test was taken. Candidates can [register for basic skills tests](#) through the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Basic skills tests taken in New Jersey will automatically be sent to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE). If you tested in another state, you must request to have your score sent to the NJDOE by coding R7666 on your registration form. Only official score reports from ETS are accepted for licensure. *The omission of the NJDOE code (R7666) and your Social Security number may cause a delay in your certificate issuance.*

Registration for the Praxis Series can be scheduled at [various centers](#) or by contacting [Prometric](#).

Instructions for Praxis Subject Assessments Registration

[Register for Praxis Subject Assessments](#) through The Praxis Series on the ETS website. Only official score reports from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) are accepted for certification. Scores on Praxis Subject Assessments taken in New Jersey will automatically be sent to the NJDOE. If you tested in another state, you must request to have your score(s) sent to the NJDOE by coding R7666 on your test registration form and answer sheet. *The omission of the NJDOE code (R7666) and your Social Security number may cause a delay in your certificate issuance.* ETS provides candidates with [bulletin and forms](#) for the Praxis Series testing on their website.

Continuous testing is offered throughout the year for many Praxis tests while some are available during [certain testing windows](#). Registration for Praxis Series tests can be scheduled at [various centers](#) or by contacting [Prometric](#).

Instructions for the Praxis School Leadership Series (SLS) Registration

[Register for the SLS](#) on the Educational Testing Service (ETS) website. Only official score reports from ETS are accepted for certification. Scores on the SLS tests taken in New Jersey will automatically be sent to the NJDOE. If you tested in another state, you must request to have your score(s) sent to the NJDOE by coding R7666 and adding your Social Security number on your test registration form and

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answer sheet. *The omission of the NJDOE code (R7666) and your Social Security number may cause a delay in your certificate issuance.* An [SLS information bulletin](#) is available from ETS.

Please note that the SLS tests are only available during [certain testing windows](#). See available test windows on the following pages. Registration for the Praxis Series SLS tests can be scheduled at [various centers](#) or by contacting [Prometric](#).

Instructions for Performance Assessment (edTPA) Registration

Effective for candidates teaching in or after the 2017-2018 school year, a Commissioner-approved performance assessment for teacher certification (edTPA) is required for candidates teaching in or after the 2017-2018 school year. Successful completion of this performance assessment is required for all candidates seeking a Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) or those who hold a Certificate of Eligibility (CE). [Register for the edTPA Assessment](#) and designate New Jersey as a score recipient at the time of testing. *The omission of a score recipient may cause a delay in your certificate issuance.*

New Jersey teaching certification areas and the corresponding edTPA Handbooks should be confirmed prior to registration. **The following passing scores are effective September 1, 2019:**

edTPA Handbooks	Score
World Languages	32
Other Instructional Areas	37
Elementary Education	44

Additional Testing Requirements for Certification

World Languages, English as a Second Language, Bilingual Bicultural Education, Educational Interpreter and Teacher of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing with Sign Language Proficiency certificates have additional testing requirements. Please review the [Certificate Subject Area requirements](#) if you are applying for any of these certificates.

Praxis: Basic Skills and Subject Assessments Required for Licensure

Instructional Endorsements	Praxis: Basic Skills and Subject Assessments
Basic Skills ¹	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Multiple Subjects (5752) Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (5713) Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing (5723) Core Academic Skills for Educators: Math (5733)
Agriculture	Exempt
Art	Art: Content Knowledge (5134)
Bilingual/Bicultural Education	To Be Announced
Business Education: All Endorsements	Business Education (5101)
Elementary School Teacher K-6	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001) Reading and Language Arts Subtest only (5002) Mathematics Subtest only (5003) Social Studies Subtest only (5004) Science Subtest only (5005)
Elementary School with Specialization: Language Arts and Literacy (5-8)	Middle School English Language Arts (5047)
Elementary School with Specialization: Mathematics (5-8)	Middle School Mathematics (5169)
Elementary School with Specialization: Social Studies (5-8)	Middle School Social Studies (5089)
Elementary School with Specialization: Science (5-8)	Middle School Science (5440)
English	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge (5038)
English as a Second Language	To Be Announced
Family and Consumer Sciences: Comprehensive	Family and Consumer Sciences (5122)
Family and Consumer Sciences: Child & Family Development	Family and Consumer Sciences (5122)
Family and Consumer Sciences: Foods/ Nutrition & Food Science	Family and Consumer Sciences (5122)
Family and Consumer Sciences: Apparel, Textiles & Interiors	Family and Consumer Sciences (5122)
French; and Elementary School with Specialization: World Languages/French (5-8)	French: World Language (5174)
German; and Elementary School with Specialization: World Languages/ German (5-8)	German: World Language (5183)
Spanish; and Elementary School with Specialization: World Languages/ Spanish (5-8)	Spanish: World Language (5195)
World Languages: Other	Exempt
Health Education	Exempt
Health and Physical Education	Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (5857)
Marketing Education	Marketing Education (5561)
Mathematics	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161)

¹ Any candidate applying for a certificate of eligibility (CE) on or after September 1, 2015 must meet the basic skills requirement. Use code 5752 if you plan to take all tests of the series on the same date.

Instructional Endorsements	Praxis: Basic Skills and Subject Assessments
Military Science	Exempt
Music	Music: Content Knowledge (5113)
Physical Education	Physical Education: Content Knowledge (5091)
Preschool through Grade 3	Early Childhood: Content Knowledge (5025)
Psychology	Exempt
Reading	Teaching Reading K-12 (5204)
Biological Science	Biology: Content Knowledge (5235) and General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)
Chemistry	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5245) and General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)
Earth Science	Earth Science: Content Knowledge (5571) and General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)
Physical Science	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5245), and Physics: Content Knowledge (5265) and General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)
Physics	Physics: Content Knowledge (5265) and General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)
Social Studies	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (5081)
Special Education	Exempt
Speech Arts and Dramatics	Speech Communication (5221) and Theatre (5641)
Teacher of Supplemental Instruction in Reading and Mathematics, K-8	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001) Reading and Language Arts Subtest (5002) Mathematics Subtest (5003) Social Studies Subtest (5004) Science Subtest (5005)
Technology Education	Technology Education (5051)
Theatre	Theatre (5641)
Career and Technical Education	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (5713), Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing (5723) and Core Academic Skills for Educators: Math (5733)

Praxis Specialty Test Required for Licensure

Educational Services Endorsement	Praxis Specialty Area Test
Speech-Language Specialist	Speech-Language Pathology (5331)

School Leadership Series Required for Licensure

Administrative Endorsements	School Leadership Series Tests
Principal	School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) (6990)
School Administrator	School Superintendents Assessment (SSA) (6991)

Passing Scores: Basic Skills, Subject Assessments and School Leadership Series²

Code	Test	Passing Score
5134	Art: Content Knowledge	158
5101	Business Education	154
5025	Early Childhood Education: Content Knowledge	156
5001	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects: (5002, 5003, 5004, 5005)	See below
5002	Reading and Language Arts Subtest (5002)	157
5003	Mathematics Subtest (5003)	157
5004	Social Studies Subtest (5004)	155
5005	Science Subtest (5005)	159
5047	Middle School English Language Arts	164
5169	Middle School Mathematics	165
5089	Middle School Social Studies	158
5440	Middle School Science	150
5038	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	167
5122	Family and Consumer Science	153
5174	French: World Language	162
5183	German: World Language	163
5195	Spanish: World Language	168
5857	Health & Physical Education: Content Knowledge	160
0561	Marketing Education	158
5161	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	160
5113	Music: Content Knowledge	153
5091	Physical Education: Content Knowledge	148
5204	Teaching Reading K-12	159
5435	General Science: Content Knowledge	152
5235	Biology: Content Knowledge	152
5245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	152
5571	Earth Science: Content Knowledge	153
5265	Physics: Content Knowledge	141
5752	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Multiple Subjects (5713, 5723, 5733)	See below
5713	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading	156
5723	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing	162
5733	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Math	150
5081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	157
5221	Speech Communication	143
5641	Theatre	153
5051	Technology Education	159
5331	Speech-Language Pathology	162
6990	School Leaders Licensure Assessment	151
6991	School Superintendent Assessment	162

² Passing test scores are subject to change. Candidates are subject to the passing test score in effect at the time the application is received, and eligibility is determined. Scores were last updated January 2020.

edTPA Submission and Reporting Dates

Submit Portfolio by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on:	Receive edTPA Score Profile on:
October 10, 2019	October 31, 2019
October 24, 2019	November 14, 2019
November 7, 2019	November 27, 2019
November 21, 2019	December 12, 2019
December 5, 2019	December 26, 2019
December 19, 2019	January 9, 2020
January 30, 2020	February 20, 2020
February 13, 2020	March 5, 2020
February 27, 2020	March 19, 2020
March 12, 2020	April 2, 2020
March 26, 2020	April 16, 2020
April 9, 2020	April 30, 2020
April 23, 2020	May 14, 2020
May 7, 2020	May 28, 2020
May 21, 2020	June 11, 2020
June 4, 2020	June 25, 2020
July 9, 2020	July 30, 2020
July 23, 2020	August 13, 2020
August 6, 2020	August 27, 2020

Windows for Tests Not Offered on a Continuous Basis: World Languages

Praxis Testing Windows	Date Ranges
2019 Dates	09/23/19 to 09/28/19 11/18/19 to 11/23/19
2020 Dates	02/17/20 to 02/22/20 04/20/20 to 04/25/20

Test Windows for School Leaders Licensure Assessment (6990)

Praxis Testing Windows	Date Ranges
2019 Dates	09/02/19 to 09/14/19 11/04/19 to 11/16/19
2020 Dates	01/06/20 to 01/18/20 03/07/20 to 03/14/20 04/27/20 to 05/09/20 07/06/20 to 07/18/20

Test Windows for School Superintendent Assessment (6991)

Praxis Testing Windows	Date Ranges
2019 Dates	09/02/19 to 09/14/19 12/02/19 to 12/14/19
2020 Dates	03/02/20 to 03/14/20 06/01/20 to 06/13/20