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Requirements for the Mathematics Endorsement 5-8 (300M)

The following chart applies to those applicants already holding a provisional or professional teaching certificate in Maine.

You will be eligible for a transitional endorsement if you are already a teacher and you have completed 6 credits of coursework toward this endorsement under Section A.

If you complete all requirements, you will be issued a professional certificate, either a two-year provisional certificate or a five-year professional certificate.

NOTE: The number in () indicates the number of semester hours required.
Section A:
1. A valid provisional or professional Maine teaching certificate with a K-8, K-3, Birth to Age 5, 7-12, or K-12 endorsement
2. Mathematics (24)
3. Criminal history record check approval – based on fingerprints
Section B: PRAXIS II
Middle School Mathematics: Test Code 5169 Score 165

The following chart applies to those applicants who have completed a state-approved teacher education program in middle level education.

You will be eligible for a conditional certificate in Maine upon completion of all of Section A.

If you complete all requirements, you will be issued a professional certificate, either a two-year provisional certificate or a five-year professional certificate.

NOTE: The number in () indicates the number of semester hours required.
Section A:
1. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
2. Graduated from a program approved for the education of middle level teachers, together with the formal recommendation from the preparing institution for the endorsement being sought
3. Criminal history record check approval – based on fingerprints
Section B: Core Academic Skills for Educators/PRAXIS I
Reading Test: #5712 Score 156
Writing Test: #5722 Score 162
Mathematics Test: #5732 Score 150
Composite Score 468
Section C: PRAXIS II
Middle School Math Test Code 5169 score 165

If this evaluation letter is more than two years old, please contact the certification office, as the requirements may have changed.

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Courses must be 100 level or higher from a four-year accredited college offering a bachelor's degree. Required semester hours shall consist of non-duplicative coursework: examples: only one English Composition course or only one Algebra I course.

***These credits may be earned through coursework or through completion of an approved in-service program taken since July 1975 and approved by the Maine Department of Education's Certification Office. This requirement may not be met through experience.

Applicants for initial teacher certification must achieve a composite score of 468 on the three sections of the Core Academic Skills for Educators, with no single score on any section being more than three points lower than the required score above.

Applicants for certificates requiring bachelor's degrees may use passing scores on either the Pre-Professional Skills Test/PPST or the Core Academic Skills for Educators until 8-31-18. As of 9-1-18, all applicants must meet passing scores on the Core Academic Skills for Educators exams.

Applicants for #100 Middle Level Mathematics (5-8) may meet a passing score on either PRAXIS II Test Code 0069 or PRAXIS II Test Code 5169 until 8-31-18. As of 9-1-18, all applicants must meet a passing score on test 5169.

A provisional certificate is issued to an applicant who has met all of the requirements but has not taught for two school years in a Maine school with a Professional Learning Community Support System (PLCSS). Once an applicant has taught for two school years in a Maine school and been recommended for a five-year certificate by the local school district's PLCSS, the full five-year certificate will be issued.