

PROPOSED CHANGES TO QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS OF TEACHERS, EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS, AND ADMINISTRATORS

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The following examinations have been rescaled from the older National Teacher Examination scale (500-600) to the new Praxis scale (100 to 200). No changes were made to the tests or the required scores; only the test codes and newly scaled equivalent qualifying scores have been changed. No standard setting studies were conducted or needed.

Endorsement Area:	Test Title:	Current Test Code/Score:	New Test Code/Score:
Speech/Language Clinician	Teaching Speech to Students with Language Impairments	0880/540	0881/152
Blind/Visually Impaired	Teaching Students with Visual Impairments	0280/660	0281/154
English as a Second Lang.	English as a Second Language	0360/540	0361/144

The following World Language examinations contained incorrect test codes provided to the Maine Department of Education by ETS at the time changes were made to Chapter 13 during the summer of 2010. The “0” as the first digit in the code indicates a pen and paper examination. A “5” as the first digit indicates a computer-based examination. ETS is now only offering a computer-based exam in World Languages, so our codes should be updated to reflect this.

<u>Endorsement Area:</u>	<u>Test Title:</u>	<u>Current Test Code/Score:</u>	<u>New Test Code/Score:</u>
French	French: Content Knowledge	0174/162	5174/162
Spanish	Spanish: Content Knowledge	0195/168	5195/168
German	German: Content Knowledge	0183/163	5183/163

The following examinations contain incorrect titles originally provided to the Maine Department of Education by ETS at the time Chapter 13 was revised in the summer of 2010. The title change applies to the examination used for the 282-Teacher of Students with Disabilities endorsement for grade levels K-8 and 7-12 only; a different test is used for the birth to age 5 age/grade level area.

<u>Endorsement Area:</u>	<u>Old Examination Title</u>	<u>New Examination Title:</u>
Teacher of Students with Disabilities	Exceptional Students: Content Knowledge	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications

The following examinations underwent their regular five-year revision/regeneration process. All involved a multi-state standard setting study where two panels of educators and faculty from across the country were assembled at different times at the ETS facility in Princeton, New Jersey, for a two-day standard setting study. The end result was a recommended minimum score expected from each panel of the Just Qualified Candidate (JQC). When different, experts at ETS provided an average of the two scores as a recommended qualifying score for the examination. Detailed standard setting study reports were provided to the Maine Department of Education by ETS and were shared with the chair of the Certification and Higher Education Committee of the Maine State Board of

Education, Nancy Perkins. Some scores may be higher or lower than previously required, but please note that the new scores should be viewed as independent of the old scores due to the fact that the tests are no longer the same.

Endorsement Area:	Test Title:	Current Test Code/Score:	New Test Code/Score:
Visual Arts	Art: Content Knowledge (Maine was represented by 1 representative on each of the two panels.)	0133/151	0134/158
Industrial Arts/Technology	Technology Education (Maine was represented by 1 person on one panel.)	0050/570	0051/159

All four levels of the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) examinations were regenerated. This examination is the pedagogical skills and knowledge examination required of applicants who have not completed an approved educator preparation program. Maine educators and faculty were invited to register and participate for the multi-state standard setting study, but no responses were received other than from one faculty member at Bates College who later had to cancel due to medical reasons.

Test Title:	Grade Level:	Current Test Code/Score:	New Test Code/Score:
Principles of Learning and Teaching	Early Childhood-3	0521/172	0621/157
	K-6	0522/166	0622/160
	5-9	0523/163	0623/160
	7-12	0524/162	0624/157

All retired examinations will be accepted toward application packages for five years in order to allow anyone who might be in the process of obtaining certification or endorsement in a new area the opportunity to use the old test/score should they already have taken it. As of September 1, 2016, we will only accept the new test/score. Five years has been the previously accepted time period to “sunset” an examination.

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