



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Test Requirements for Certification in New Jersey

Note: This document was created in accordance with the regulations currently in effect. Requirements and passing scores are subject to change without notice. This document was last updated September 2021.

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 \(ETS\) "New Jersey Test Requirements"](#) webpage. 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 on the [Praxis Test Dates and Centers](#) webpage 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 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

A Commissioner-approved [performance assessment for teacher certification \(edTPA\)](#) is required for candidates that graduated on or after September 1, 2017. 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 8, 2021**

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)

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
Elementary School Teacher K–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (5164)
Elementary School with Specialization: Social Studies (5–8)	Middle School Social Studies (5089)
Elementary School with Specialization: Science (5–8)	Middle School Science (5442)
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 (5165)
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 (5206)
Biological Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: Content Knowledge (5235), <i>and</i> • General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)

Instructional Endorsements	Praxis: Basic Skills and Subject Assessments
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5245), <i>and</i> General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)
Earth Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Science: Content Knowledge (5571), <i>and</i> General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)
Physical Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5245), <i>and</i> Physics: Content Knowledge (5265) <i>and</i> General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)
Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physics: Content Knowledge (5265) <i>and</i> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (5713), <i>and</i> Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing (5723) <i>and</i> 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

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 September 2021.

Code	Test	Passing Score
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
5164	Middle School Mathematics	157
5089	Middle School Social Studies	158
5442	Middle School Science	152
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
5165	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	159
5113	Music: Content Knowledge	153
5091	Physical Education: Content Knowledge	148
5206	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

edTPA Submission and Reporting Dates

Submit Portfolio by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on:	Receive edTPA Score Profile on:
October 7, 2021	October 28, 2021
October 21, 2021	November 11, 2021
November 4, 2021	November 24, 2021
November 18, 2021	December 9, 2021
December 2, 2021	December 23, 2021
December 16, 2021	January 6, 2022
January 20, 2022	February 10, 2022
February 10, 2022	March 3, 2022
February 24, 2022	March 17, 2022
March 10, 2022	March 31, 2022
March 24, 2022	April 14, 2022
April 7, 2022	April 28, 2022
April 21, 2022	May 12, 2022
May 5, 2022	May 26, 2022
May 19, 2022	June 09, 2022
June 2, 2022	June 23, 2022
July 7, 2022	July 28, 2022
July 21, 2022	August 11, 2022
August 4, 2022	August 25, 2022

Praxis World Language Test Dates

Praxis Testing Windows	Date Ranges
2021 Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 09/27/21 to 10/02/21 11/29/21 to 12/04/21
2022 Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 02/28/22 to 03/05/22 04/25/22 to 04/30/22 07/25/22 to 07/30/22

School Leaders Licensure Assessment (6990)

SLLA Testing Windows	Date Ranges
2021 Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 09/26/21 to 09/25/21 10/04/21 to 10/23/21 12/06/21 to 01/01/21
2022 Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01/10/22 to 01/29/22 02/07/22 to 02/26/22 03/07/22 to 03/26/22 04/04/22 to 04/23/22 05/02/22 to 05/21/22 05/30/22 to 06/25/22 07/04/22 to 07/23/22 08/01/22 to 08/27/22

Test Windows for School Superintendent Assessment (6991)

SSA Testing Windows	Date Ranges
2021 Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 09/06/21 to 09/25/21• 11/01/21 to 11/27/21
2022 Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 04/04/22 to 04/23/22• 05/30/22 to 06/25/22