



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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MEMORANDUM

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TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

Jackie Zeigler
District I

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

Tracie West
District II
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SUBJECT: Modification of Required Praxis Subject Assessment and Score as a Precondition for Initial Certification

Stephanie Bell
District III

On April 11, 2024, members of the Alabama State Board of Education (SBOE) approved a resolution to adopt a new special education Praxis subject assessment. This assessment will replace the current Praxis subject assessment, which is expiring.

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV

The following chart provides the new Praxis test name and code, along with information that will be used for implementation. The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) Assessment Policies Manuals are also being updated to reflect information about this test.

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.
District V
President Pro Tem

New Test Name and Code	Required Score for New Test	Effective Date	Test to be Discontinued Name and Code	Required Score for Discontinued Test	Final Test Administration Date
Special Education: Foundational Knowledge 5355	145	9/1/2024	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications 5354	153	8/31/2024

Marie Manning
District VI

Belinda McRae
District VII

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.
District VIII

Praxis 5354 Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications scores earned **after August 31, 2024, will not be accepted.**

Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
Secretary and
Executive Officer

The guidelines below should be followed regarding this test change:

Alabama State-Approved Educator Preparation Programs

Individuals seeking initial certification in the subject area through an Alabama Educator Preparation Program:

- **Discontinued Test (Praxis 5354):**
 - Individual must be unconditionally admitted to an Alabama Educator Preparation Program **prior to September 1, 2024.**
 - Test must be taken and passed prior to **September 1, 2024.**
 - Application **must** be received in the Educator Certification Section within 48 months of the date of unconditional admission.
 - If application is not received in the Educator Certification Section within 48 months of the date of unconditional admission, a passing score on the new test (Praxis 5355) is required.
- **New Test (Praxis 5355):**
 - **Must** be taken and passed **September 1, 2024**, and thereafter.
 - **May** be taken and passed prior to the effective date in lieu of the expiring test.

Temporary Special Education Certificate (TSEC)

Individuals issued a 1st TSEC prior to September 1, 2024:

- **Discontinued test (Praxis 5354):**
 - **Must** be taken and passed prior to **September 1, 2024.**
 - Application for the Professional Educator Certificate must be received in the Educator Certification Section **on or before October 1, 2028.**
- **New test (Praxis 5355):**
 - **Must** be taken and passed **September 1, 2024, and thereafter.**
 - **May** be taken and passed prior to the effective date in lieu of the expiring test.

Individuals issued a 1st TSEC September 1, 2024, and thereafter:

- New test (Praxis 5355) **is required.**
- Discontinued test (Praxis 5354) **cannot be used.**

Other Certification Approaches

Individuals seeking initial certification in the subject area through all approaches other than an Alabama Educator Preparation Program:

- **Discontinued test (Praxis 5354):**
 - **Must** be taken and passed prior to **September 1, 2024**.
 - Application **must** be received in the Educator Certification Section on or before **March 1, 2025** (6 months after test expiration).
 - If application is not received in the Educator Certification Section on or before **March 1, 2025**, a passing score on the new test (Praxis 5355) is required.
- **New test (Praxis 5355):**
 - **Must** be taken and passed **September 1, 2024, and thereafter**.
 - **May** be taken and passed prior to the effective date in lieu of the expiring test.

For additional information regarding Praxis test modifications or if you have any questions, please contact Dr. Deanise F. Peacock, Assessment Administrator, at 334-694-4872.

EGM/DFP/MF

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