April 24, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey

State Superintendent of Education

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

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.

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.

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<th>New Test Name and Code</th>
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Praxis 5354 Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications scores earned after August 31, 2024, will not be accepted.
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.

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