

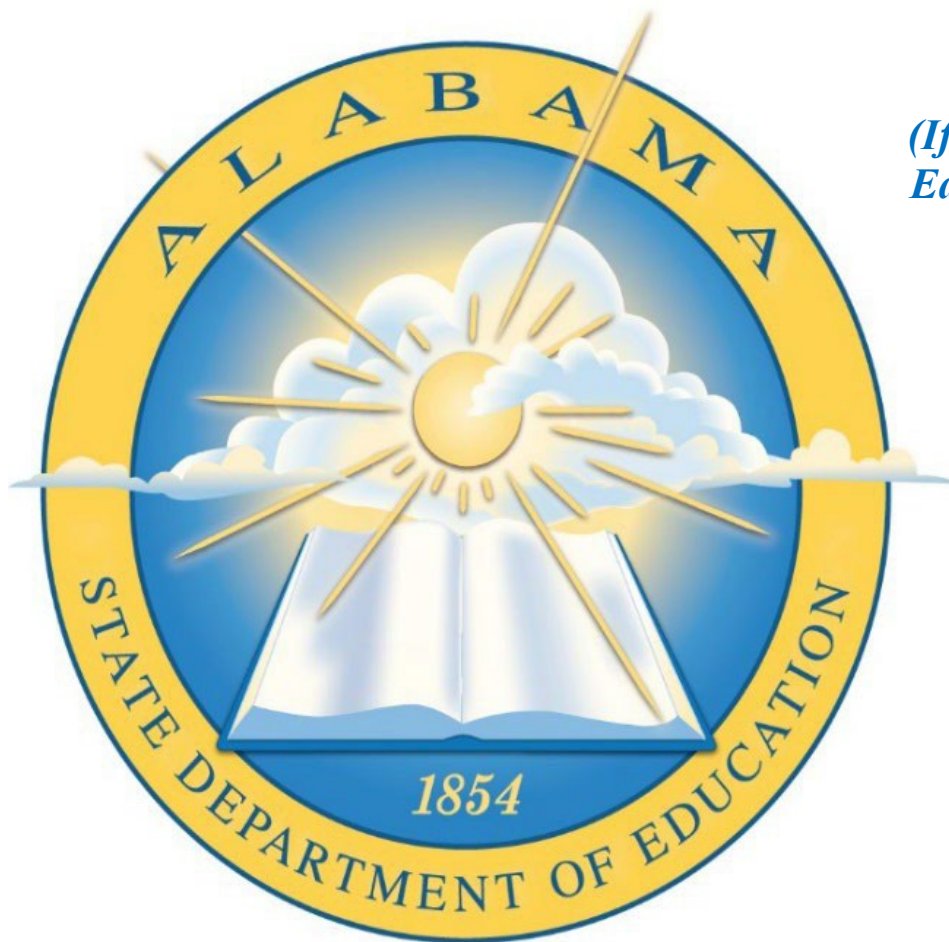
# Educator Assessment Policies

## Manual A

*(If an individual is seeking admission to or completing an Educator Preparation Program at an Alabama college or university, these policies do not apply, see *Educator Assessment Policies Manual B.*)*

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# Document Guidance

- The yellow and white colors are for separation of the certification areas and to provide for ease of viewing.
- Throughout the table, the word “current” refers to the tests and scores that are effective September 1, 2025, and thereafter.
- The document is divided into six sections:
  - Section I: Assessment Table Utilization—this section explains how the information contained within the table should be interpreted. Please read all the instructions carefully.
  - Section II: Content Knowledge Assessments by Certification Area—this section outlines the content knowledge assessments for each certification area.
  - Section III: Additional Information for the Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field Approach (PCTF)
  - Section IV: Additional Information for the Conditional Certificate in a Teaching Field Approach (CCTF)
  - Section V: Additional Information for the Temporary Special Education Certificate Approach (TSEC)
  - Section VI: Pedagogical Assessments—this section provides information regarding Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) and Educative Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA).
- If you have any questions, please contact Educator Assessment at (334) 694-4872.

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# Section I Assessment Table Utilization

Individuals must meet the current test and score requirements in effect on the date the application for Alabama certification is received in the Educator Certification Section of the ALSDE.

## **Additional guidelines pertaining to the following Alternative Certification Approaches:**

- Business and Industry to Educational Administrator (BIEA) Approach
  - Conditional Certificate in a Teaching Field (CCTF) Approach
  - Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field (PCTF) Approach
  - Provisional Certification in Library Media or School Counseling (PCLS) Approach
  - Temporary Special Education Certificate (TSCE)
1. Effective for applications received in the Educator Certification Section of the ALSDE **September 1, 2025, and thereafter:**
    - a. The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) must be the test under the **Current Test** columns on the chart. **No previous tests will be accepted.**
    - b. The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) must be appropriate to the content area for which the individual began the alternative approach.
    - c. The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) and score required at the time of receipt of the application for the first alternative certificate will be acceptable for issuance of a professional certificate, as long as the individual completes the approach in the allotted time frame.
  2. Effective for applications received in the Educator Certification Section of the ALSDE **prior to September 1, 2025:**
    - a. The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) and score required at the time of receipt of the application for the first alternative certificate will be acceptable for issuance of a professional certificate if the individual completes the approach in the allotted time frame.
    - b. The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) must be appropriate to the content area for which the individual began the alternative approach.
  3. Individuals who do not meet the minimum overall undergraduate GPA requirement for the first **PCTF** or **CCTF** but have at least a 2.0 overall undergraduate GPA, must meet the Praxis Subject Assessments (content knowledge) and scores required on the Increased Praxis Score Requirements document which may be found at [Increased Praxis Score Option](#).

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## Section II

### Content Knowledge Assessments by Certification Area

The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) is required for individuals applying for initial certification in a teaching field or to change grade levels in the same teaching field for which a certificate is held.

The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) is required for individuals applying for initial certification in an area of instructional support or to change grade levels in the same area of instructional support for which a certificate is held.

The Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge) is applicable for individuals applying through the following approaches:

- Additional Teaching Field Approach / Certification Based on Test (CBT)
- Business and Industry to Educational Administrator (BIEA)
- Certificate Reciprocity (*see application to determine if testing will be required*)
- Computer Science Additional Teaching Field Approach (CST)
- Conditional Certificate in a Teaching Field (CCTF)
- Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)
- Early Childhood Development
- Foreign Credentials
- Interim Employment Certificate (IEC) (*see certification officer at Alabama college or university*)
- Nationally Certified School Psychologist
- Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field (PCTF)
- Provisional Certificate in Library Media or School Counseling (PCLS)
- Temporary Special Education Certificate (TSEC)

The approaches listed above may also require tests other than a Praxis Subject Assessment (content knowledge).

The tests and scores in this document are applicable to individuals who take the tests or whose applications for certification are received in the Educator Certification Section on September 1, 2025, and thereafter.

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| Area of Certification Being Requested                                                                                            | Current Test Name                                                             | Current Test Code | Current Required Score | Effective Date |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Agriscience Education (6-12)                                                                                                     | Agriculture                                                                   | 5701              | 147                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Algebra I (6-12)                                                                                                                 | Algebra I                                                                     | 5162              | 157                    | 9/1/2019       |
| Biology (6-12)                                                                                                                   | Biology                                                                       | 5236              | 154                    | 9/1/2023       |
| Business Administration (6-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>                                   | Business Education: Content Knowledge                                         | 5101              | 154                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Business/Marketing Education (6-12)                                                                                              |                                                                               |                   |                        |                |
| Business Education (6-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>                                        |                                                                               |                   |                        |                |
| Career Technologies (6-12, P-12)                                                                                                 | Technology and Engineering Education                                          | 5053              | 157                    | 9/1/2025       |
| Chemistry (6-12)                                                                                                                 | Chemistry                                                                     | 5246              | 146                    | 9/1/2023       |
| Chinese (Mandarin) (6-12; P-12)                                                                                                  | Chinese (Mandarin): World Language                                            | 5665              | 164                    | 9/1/2025       |
| Computer Science (6-12)                                                                                                          | Computer Science                                                              | 5652              | 149                    | 12/13/2018     |
| Dramatic Arts (6-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>                                             | Theatre                                                                       | 5641              | 154                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Early Childhood Education (P-3)                                                                                                  | Early Childhood Education                                                     | 5025              | 156                    | 9/1/2018       |
|                                                                                                                                  | <b>AND</b><br>Foundations of Reading (Test administered by Pearson Education) | 890               | 233                    | 9/15/2025      |
| Earth and Space Sciences (6-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i> | Earth and Space Sciences                                                      | 5572              | 154                    | 9/1/2023       |
| Economics (6-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>                | Economics                                                                     | 5911              | 150                    | 9/1/2018       |

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Elementary Education (K-6)            | Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle – Mathematics        | 5903              | 157                    | 9/1/2020       |
|                                       | <b>OR</b><br>Elementary Education: Mathematics                  | 5003              | 157                    | 9/1/2018       |
|                                       | <b>AND</b>                                                      |                   |                        |                |
|                                       | Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle - Social Studies     | 5904              | 154                    | 9/1/2020       |
|                                       | <b>OR</b><br>Elementary Education: Social Studies               | 5004              | 154                    | 9/1/2018       |
|                                       | <b>AND</b>                                                      |                   |                        |                |
|                                       | Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle - Science            | 5905              | 158                    | 9/1/2020       |
|                                       | <b>OR</b><br>Elementary Education: Science                      | 5005              | 158                    | 9/1/2018       |
|                                       | <b>AND</b>                                                      |                   |                        |                |
|                                       | Foundations of Reading (Test administered by Pearson Education) | 890               | 233                    | 9/15/2025      |

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| English (6-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>                             | English Language Arts: Content Knowledge            | 5038              | 167                    | 9/1/2018       |
| English Language Arts (6-12)                                                                                                                | English Language Arts: Content Knowledge            | 5038              | 167                    | 9/1/2018       |
| English for Speakers of Other Languages (P-12)                                                                                              | English to Speakers of Other Languages              | 5362              | 155                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Family and Consumer Sciences Education (6-12)                                                                                               | Family and Consumer Sciences                        | 5123              | 151                    | 9/1/2025       |
| French (6-12; P-12)                                                                                                                         | French: World Language                              | 5174              | 162                    | 9/1/2012       |
| General Science (6-12)                                                                                                                      | General Science                                     | 5436              | 141                    | 9/1/2023       |
| General Social Science (6-12)                                                                                                               | Social Studies                                      | 5581              | 153                    | 9/1/2025       |
| Geography (6-12)                                                                                                                            | Geography                                           | 5921              | 153                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Geometry (6-12)                                                                                                                             | Geometry                                            | 5163              | 148                    | 9/1/2019       |
| German (6-12; P-12)                                                                                                                         | German: World Language                              | 5183              | 163                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Health and Physical Education (6-12; P-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i> | Health Education                                    | 5551              | 154                    | 9/1/2018       |
|                                                                                                                                             | <b>AND</b><br>Physical Education: Content Knowledge | 5091              | 149                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Health Education (6-12; P-12)<br><i>(P-12 is for reinstatement, reciprocity, foreign credentials, and NBPTS approaches only)</i>            | Health Education                                    | 5551              | 154                    | 9/1/2018       |
| History (6-12)                                                                                                                              | World and U.S. History: Content Knowledge           | 5941              | 148                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Japanese (6-12; P-12)                                                                                                                       | Japanese: World Language                            | 5661              | 156                    | 9/1/2025       |
| Latin (6-12; P-12)                                                                                                                          | Latin                                               | 5601              | 152                    | 9/1/2018       |

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| <b>Leadership</b>                                                                                                                        |                                                        |                   |                        |                |
| Career and Technical Administrator (6-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>                                | Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision | 5412              | 146                    | 9/1/2019       |
| Educational Administration (P-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>                                        |                                                        |                   |                        |                |
| Instructional Leadership (P-12)                                                                                                          |                                                        |                   |                        |                |
| Principal (P-6, 6-12, or P-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>                                           |                                                        |                   |                        |                |
| Superintendent (P-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>                                                    |                                                        |                   |                        |                |
| Superintendent -Principal (P-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement only)</i>                                                         |                                                        |                   |                        |                |
| Supervisor (K-6, 6-12 or P-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>                                           |                                                        |                   |                        |                |
| Library Media Specialist (P-12)                                                                                                          | School Librarian                                       | 5312              | 154                    | 9/1/2023       |
| Marketing Education (6-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>              | Marketing Education                                    | 5561              | 156                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Mathematics (6-12)                                                                                                                       | Mathematics                                            | 5165              | 159                    | 9/1/2022       |
| Middle School Business Education (4-8)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>  | Business Education: Content Knowledge                  | 5101              | 154                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Middle School Career Technologies (4-8)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i> | Technology Education                                   | 5051              | 159                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Middle School English (4-8)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, foreign credentials, and NBPTS approaches only)</i>      | Middle School English Language Arts                    | 5047              | 164                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Middle School English Language Arts (4-8)                                                                                                | Middle School English Language Arts                    | 5047              | 164                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Middle School Family and Consumer Sciences Education (4-8)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement only)</i>                               | Family and Consumer Sciences                           | 5122              | 153                    | 4/8/2021       |

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| Middle School French (4-8)                                                                                                               | French: World Language                | 5174              | 162                    | 9/1/2012       |
| Middle School General Science (4-8)                                                                                                      | Middle School Science                 | 5442              | 152                    | 9/1/2021       |
| Middle School General Social Science (4-8)                                                                                               | Middle School Social Studies          | 5089              | 153                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Middle School German (4-8)                                                                                                               | German: World Language                | 5183              | 163                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Middle School Health Education (4-8)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>    | Health Education                      | 5551              | 154                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Middle School Latin (4-8)                                                                                                                | Latin                                 | 5601              | 152                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Middle School Mathematics (4-8)                                                                                                          | Middle School Mathematics             | 5164              | 157                    | 9/1/2022       |
| Middle School Music, Choral (4-8)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>       | Music: Content Knowledge              | 5113              | 161                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Middle School Music, Instrumental (4-8)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i> | Music: Content Knowledge              | 5113              | 161                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Middle School Physical Education (4-8)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>  | Physical Education: Content Knowledge | 5091              | 149                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Middle School Spanish (4-8)                                                                                                              | Spanish: World Language               | 5195              | 168                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Middle School Speech (4-8)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>              | Speech Communication                  | 5221              | 146                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Middle School Speech Communication/<br>Theatre (4-8)<br><i>(This area for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>                        | Speech Communication<br><b>AND</b>    | 5221              | 146                    | 9/1/2018       |
|                                                                                                                                          | Theatre                               | 5641              | 154                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Middle School Theatre (4-8)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>             | Theatre                               | 5641              | 154                    | 9/1/2018       |

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| Middle School Visual Arts (4-8)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i> | Art: Content Knowledge                | 5134              | 158                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Music, Choral (6-12; P-12)<br><i>(6-12 is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>           | Music: Content Knowledge              | 5113              | 161                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Music, General (Nursery-8 or P-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity approaches only)</i>                    |                                       |                   |                        |                |
| Music, Instrumental (6-12; P-12)<br><i>(6-12 is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>     |                                       |                   |                        |                |
| Physical Education (6-12; P-12)                                                                                                  | Physical Education: Content Knowledge | 5091              | 149                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Physical Science (6-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity only)</i>                                          | General Science                       | 5436              | 141                    | 9/1/2023       |
|                                                                                                                                  | <b>OR</b>                             |                   |                        |                |
|                                                                                                                                  | Chemistry                             | 5246              | 146                    | 9/1/2023       |
|                                                                                                                                  | <b>AND</b>                            |                   |                        |                |
|                                                                                                                                  | Physics                               | 5266              | 145                    | 9/1/2023       |
| Physics (6-12)                                                                                                                   | Physics                               | 5266              | 145                    | 9/1/2023       |
| Political Science (6-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>        | Government/Political Science          | 5931              | 149                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Pre-Kindergarten Education<br>(Birth through Age 4)                                                                              | Pre-Kindergarten Education            | 5531              | 155                    | 9/1/2017       |
| Psychology (6-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>               | Psychology                            | 5391              | 154                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Reading (6-12; P-12)<br><i>(6-12 is for reinstatement and reciprocity approaches only)</i>                                       | Reading Specialist                    | 5302              | 165                    | 9/1/2021       |
| Reading Specialist (P-12)                                                                                                        | Reading Specialist                    | 5302              | 165                    | 9/1/2021       |
| Russian (6-12; P-12)                                                                                                             | Russian: World Language               | 5671              | 130                    | 9/1/2025       |

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| School Counseling (P-12)                                                                                          | School Counselor        | 5422              | 159                    | 9/1/2023       |
| School Psychology (P-12)                                                                                          | School Psychologist     | 5403              | 155                    | 9/1/2023       |
| Sociology (6-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i> | Sociology               | 5952              | 154                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Spanish (6-12; P-12)                                                                                              | Spanish: World Language | 5195              | 168                    | 9/1/2018       |

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| <b>Special Education</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |                                                                  |                   |                        |                |
| <b>Collaborative Teacher (K-6)</b><br><br>*These tests are not required if the individual holds a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in Elementary Education, grades K-6.<br><br>**This test is not required if the individual holds a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in Collaborative Special Education, grades 6-12, Special Education, grades P-12 (excluding gifted), and/or Early Childhood Special Education, grades P-3. |  | Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle – Mathematics*        | 5903              | 157                    | 9/1/2020       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | <b>OR</b><br>Elementary Education: Mathematics*                  | 5003              | 157                    | 9/1/2018       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | <b>AND</b>                                                       |                   |                        |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle – Social Studies*     | 5904              | 154                    | 9/1/2020       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | <b>OR</b><br>Elementary Education: Social Studies*               | 5004              | 154                    | 9/1/2018       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | <b>AND</b>                                                       |                   |                        |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | Elementary Education: Three Subject Bundle – Science*            | 5905              | 158                    | 9/1/2020       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | <b>OR</b><br>Elementary Education: Science*                      | 5005              | 158                    | 9/1/2018       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | <b>AND</b>                                                       |                   |                        |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | Foundations of Reading (Test administered by Pearson Education)* | 890               | 233                    | 9/15/2025      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | Special Education: Foundational Knowledge**                      | 5355              | 145                    | 9/1/2024       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |                                                                  |                   |                        |                |
| <b>Collaborative Teacher (6-12)</b><br><br>**This test is not required if the individual holds a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in Collaborative Special Education, grades K-6, Special Education, grades P-12 (excluding gifted), and/or Early Childhood Special Education, grades P-3.                                                                                                                                                     |  | Special Education: Foundational Knowledge**                      | 5355              | 145                    | 9/1/2024       |

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| Area of Certification Being Requested |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Current Test Name                                               | Current Test Code | Current Required Score | Effective Date |
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|                                       | Early Childhood Education Multiple Abilities (P-3)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement only)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Special Education: Foundational Knowledge<br><b>AND</b>         | 5355              | 145                    | 9/1/2024       |
|                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Early Childhood Education<br><b>AND</b>                         | 5025              | 156                    | 9/1/2018       |
|                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Foundations of Reading (Test administered by Pearson Education) | 890               | 233                    | 9/15/2025      |
|                                       | Early Childhood Special Education (P-3)<br><br>*This test is not required if the individual holds a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in Early Childhood Education, grades P-3.<br><br>**This test is not required if the individual holds a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in Collaborative Special Education, grades K-6, Collaborative Special Education, grades 6-12, and/or Special Education, grades P-12 (excluding gifted). | Early Childhood Education*<br><b>AND</b>                        | 5025              | 156                    | 9/1/2018       |
|                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Special Education: Foundational Knowledge**                     | 5355              | 145                    | 9/1/2024       |
|                                       | Gifted (P-12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Gifted Education                                                | 5358              | 157                    | 9/1/2018       |
|                                       | Special Education Pre-Kindergarten Education (Birth to Age 5)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Special Education: Foundational Knowledge                       | 5355              | 145                    | 9/1/2024       |
|                                       | Special Education Areas (P-12) Excluding Gifted Education<br><br>**This test is not required if the individual holds a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in Collaborative Special Education, grades K-6, Collaborative Special Education, grades 6-12, and/or Early Childhood Special Education, grades P-3.                                                                                                                                         | Special Education: Foundational Knowledge**                     | 5355              | 145                    | 9/1/2024       |

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| Area of Certification Being Requested                                                                                   | Current Test Name      | Current Test Code | Current Required Score | Effective Date |
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| Speech (6-12)                                                                                                           | Speech Communication   | 5221              | 146                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Speech Communication/Theatre<br>(6-12; P-12)<br><i>(This area is for reinstatement and reciprocity approaches only)</i> | Speech Communication   | 5221              | 146                    | 9/1/2018       |
|                                                                                                                         | <b>AND</b><br>Theatre  | 5641              | 154                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Theatre (6-12; P-12)<br><i>(6-12 is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>        | Theatre                | 5641              | 154                    | 9/1/2018       |
| Visual Arts (6-12; P-12)<br><i>(6-12 is for reinstatement, reciprocity, and foreign credentials approaches only)</i>    | Art: Content Knowledge | 5134              | 158                    | 9/1/2018       |

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# Section III

## Additional Information for the Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field Approach (PCTF)

Individuals may complete this approach and apply for the Professional Educator Certificate after completing the 1<sup>st</sup> PCTF, 2<sup>nd</sup> PCTF, or 3<sup>rd</sup> PCTF. Test requirements vary based on the number of PCTF Certificates held.

### Content Knowledge Assessment

- Required for issuance of the 1<sup>st</sup> PCTF Certificate
- Review Section II - Content Knowledge Assessments by Certification Area for additional information on the current required test and score.
- The following areas do not have a content knowledge assessment requirement: Arabic, Dance, Italian, and Korean. These areas require additional verification of teaching field coursework (30/18 requirement). See [Alabama Achieves | Provisional Certificate In A Teaching Field \(PCTF\)](#) for specific information.

### Pedagogical Assessment

- If an individual applies for the Professional Educator Certificate after completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> PCTF (one year on the approach), the Educative Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) is required.
- If an individual applies for the Professional Educator Certificate after completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> PCTF (two years on the approach), the edTPA is required.
- If an individual applies for the Professional Educator Certificate after completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> PCTF (three years on the approach), he/she may choose between the following pedagogy tests:
  - edTPA
  - Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching
- Review Section VI - Pedagogical Assessments for additional information on the required test and score.

### Additional Information for members of the United States Armed Forces:

Content knowledge Praxis test may be waived if **all** the following apply:

- Submission of Form DD214 verifying the individual was a retiree in good standing **or** was honorably discharged and had at least 10 years of service; **AND**
- Individual holds a master's or higher degree **in the subject area to be taught** with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

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from a senior institution that was regionally accredited or accredited by the DEAC at the time the degree was earned.

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# Section IV

## Additional Information for the Conditional Certificate in a Teaching Field Approach (CCTF)

Individuals may complete this approach and apply for the Professional Educator Certificate after completing the 1<sup>st</sup> CCTF, 2<sup>nd</sup> CCTF, or 3<sup>rd</sup> CCTF. Test requirements vary based on the number of CCTF Certificates held.

### Content Knowledge Assessment

- Required for issuance of the 1<sup>st</sup> CCTF Certificate
- Review Section II - Content Knowledge Assessments by Certification Area for additional information on the current required test and score.
- The following areas do not have a content knowledge assessment requirement: Arabic, Italian, and Korean. These areas require additional verification of teaching field coursework (30/18 requirement). See [Alabama Achieves | Conditional Certificate In A Teaching Field \(CCTF\)](#) for specific information.

### Pedagogical Assessment

- If an individual applies for the Professional Educator Certificate after completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> CCTF (one year on the approach), the Educative Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) is required.
- If an individual applies for the Professional Educator Certificate after completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> CCTF (two years on the approach), the edTPA is required.
- If an individual applies for the Professional Educator Certificate after completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> CCTF (three years on the approach), he/she may choose between the following pedagogy tests:
  - edTPA
  - Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching
- Review Section VI - Pedagogical Assessments for additional information on the required test and score.

### Additional Information for members of the United States Armed Forces:

Content knowledge Praxis test may be waived if **all** the following apply:

- Submission of Form DD214 verifying the individual was a retiree in good standing **or** was honorably discharged and had at least 10 years of service; **AND**
- Individual holds a master's or higher degree **in the subject area to be taught** with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale from a senior institution that was regionally accredited or accredited by the DEAC at the time the degree was earned.
- Content knowledge waiver **does not** include the following tests:

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- Foundations of Reading test for the areas of elementary education, early childhood education, and special education collaborative teacher (grades K-6)
- Special education Praxis test for all areas of special education.

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## Section V

# Additional Information for the Temporary Special Education Certificate Approach (TSEC)

This approach is only available for the area of Collaborative Special Education, grades 6-12.

Individuals may complete this approach and apply for the Professional Educator Certificate after completing the 1<sup>st</sup> TSEC, 2<sup>nd</sup> TSEC, or 3<sup>rd</sup> TSEC.

### Content Knowledge Assessment

- Required for issuance of the Professional Educator Certificate **following completion of the TSEC Approach.**
- Review Section II - Content Knowledge Assessments by Certification Area for additional information on the current required test and score.

Pedagogical Assessment **is not** required for the TSEC Approach.

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# Section VI Pedagogical Assessments

Pedagogical Assessments are required for individuals applying based on the following approaches:

- Career and Technical Certificate to a Professional Educator Certificate
- Conditional Certificate in a Teaching Field (CCTF)
- Early Childhood Development
- Foreign Credentials
- Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field (PCTF)

**Career and Technical Certificate to a Professional Educator Certificate** - The Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) is the required pedagogical assessment for issuance of the Professional Educator Certificate.

**Conditional Certificate in a Teaching Field (CCTF):**

- For individuals who complete all CCTF requirements in one or two years, the edTPA is the required pedagogical assessment for issuance of the Professional Educator Certificate following the CCTF Approach.
- For individuals who complete all CCTF requirements in three years, **either** the edTPA **or** PLT may be used to meet the pedagogical assessment requirement for issuance of the Professional Educator Certificate following the CCTF Approach.
- For teaching fields where an edTPA handbook has not been developed, the PLT is the required pedagogical assessment for issuance of the Professional Educator Certificate following the CCTF Approach.

**Early Childhood Development Certificate** – The Educative Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) is the required pedagogical assessment for issuance of the Professional Educator Certificate.

**Foreign Credentials** - The PLT is the required pedagogical assessment for issuance of the Professional Educator Certificate.

**Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field (PCTF):**

- For individuals who complete all PCTF requirements in one or two years, the edTPA is the required pedagogical assessment for issuance of the Professional Educator Certificate following the PCTF Approach.
- For individuals who complete all PCTF requirements in three years, **either** the edTPA **or** PLT may be used to meet the pedagogical assessment requirement for issuance of the Professional Educator Certificate following the PCTF Approach.
- For teaching fields where an edTPA handbook has not been developed, the PLT is the required pedagogical assessment for issuance of the Professional Educator Certificate following the PCTF Approach.

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**Neither edTPA nor PLT will be required if the individual holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate in a teaching field.**

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| <b>Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT)</b>                   |                                                           |                          |                               |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Area of Certification Being Requested</b>                       | <b>Current Test Name</b>                                  | <b>Current Test Code</b> | <b>Current Required Score</b> | <b>Effective Date</b> |
| All P-3 and K-6 Teaching Fields                                    | Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6           | 5622                     | 160                           | 9/1/2018              |
| All 6-12 Teaching Fields                                           | Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12          | 5624                     | 157                           | 9/1/2018              |
| All 4-8 and P-12 Teaching Fields may choose either PLT K-6 or 7-12 | Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6 <b>OR</b> | 5622                     | 160                           | 9/1/2018              |
|                                                                    | Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12          | 5624                     | 157                           | 9/1/2018              |

| <b>edTPA</b>                                                                                                 |                                         |                       |                       |
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| <b>Areas of Certification Being Requested</b>                                                                | <b>edTPA Handbook</b>                   | <b>Required Score</b> | <b>Effective Date</b> |
| Agriscience (6-12)                                                                                           | Agricultural Education                  | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Algebra I (6-12)                                                                                             | Secondary Math                          | 37                    | 9/1/2019              |
| Arts (P-12)<br>• Dance<br>• Music, Choral Music<br>• Music, Instrumental Music<br>• Theatre<br>• Visual Arts | Performing Arts (Dance, Music, Theatre) | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
|                                                                                                              | Visual Arts                             | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Biology (6-12)                                                                                               | Secondary Science                       | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Business/Marketing Education (6-12)                                                                          | Business Education                      | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Career Technologies (6-12)                                                                                   | Technology and Engineering Education    | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Chemistry (6-12)                                                                                             | Secondary Science                       | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Computer Science (6-12)                                                                                      | PLT is required for this field          |                       |                       |
| Early Childhood Development (Birth through Age 4)                                                            | Early Childhood                         | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Early Childhood Education (P-3)                                                                              | Early Childhood                         | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Elementary Education (K-6)                                                                                   | Elementary Education                    | 44                    | 9/1/2018              |
| English for Speakers of Other Languages (P-12)                                                               | English as Additional Language          | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| English Language Arts (4-8)                                                                                  | Middle Childhood English-Language Arts  | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |

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| <b>edTPA</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                  |                       |                       |
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| <b>Areas of Certification Being Requested</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>edTPA Handbook</b>            | <b>Required Score</b> | <b>Effective Date</b> |
| English Language Arts (6-12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Secondary English-Language Arts  | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Family and Consumer Sciences Education (6-12)                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Family and Consumer Science      | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| General Science (4-8)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Middle Childhood Science         | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| General Science (6-12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Secondary Science                | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| General Social Studies (4-8)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Middle Childhood Social Studies  | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| General Social Studies (6-12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Secondary History/Social Studies | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Geography (6-12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Secondary History/Social Studies | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Geometry (6-12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Secondary Mathematics            | 37                    | 9/1/2019              |
| Health Education (6-12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Health Education                 | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| History (6-12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Secondary History/Social Studies | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Languages Other Than English (P-12)<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arabic</li> <li>• Chinese</li> <li>• French</li> <li>• German</li> <li>• Italian</li> <li>• Japanese</li> <li>• Korean</li> <li>• Russian</li> <li>• Spanish</li> </ul> | World Language                   | 32                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Latin (P-12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Classical Language               | 32                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Mathematics (4-8)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Middle Childhood Math            | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Mathematics (6-12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Secondary Math                   | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Physical Education (6-12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Physical Education               | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Physics (6-12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Secondary Science                | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |
| Special Education<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative Teacher (K-6)</li> <li>• Collaborative Teacher (6-12)</li> </ul>                                                                                                            | Special Education                | 37                    | 9/1/2018              |

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