

Frequently asked Questions: VT Testing Requirements

Candidates do not have to have an open application to have test scores sent. Test scores will be stored at the AOE in the testing database until needed.

Who is exempt from taking Core Academic tests and Praxis II tests?

- Having an [out of state educator license](#) from a state that has signed the [Interstate NASDTEC agreement](#) would exempt an applicant from the testing requirement for the endorsement on the out of state license.
- Qualifying Praxis I, SAT, ACT or GRE tests are accepted in lieu of the Praxis Core
Praxis I - Reading 177, Writing 174, Math 175 (526 Composite)
SAT - Taken prior to April 1, 1995 - Verbal 420, Math 470; 1000 Combined. Taken between April 1, 1995 and August 31, 2014 - Critical Reading 500, Math 500; 1100 Combined.
ACT - English score 18, Math Score 18
GRE - Taken prior to August 1, 2011 - Verbal 500, Quantitative 500; 1100 Combined. Taken on or after August 1, 2011 - Verbal 153, Quantitative 144; 300 combined.
- Candidates who otherwise qualify for licensure/endorsement and have achieved National Board Certification®
- Initial licensure only: 30 Driver and Traffic Safety Education (in-vehicle instruction only), 66 School Psychologist, 16 Junior ROTC Instructor, 54 Social Worker, 65 School Nurse, 60 Work-based Learning Coordinator, 65A Associate School Nurse.

To have scores sent to the Agency of Education contact:

- [ETS \(Praxis tests\)](#) (800)772-9476
- [College Board \(SAT Tests\)](#) (866)756-7346
- [ACT Tests](#) (319)337-1313
- [GRE Tests](#) (866)473-4373

Vermont Recipient Codes:

- Praxis I, II, and Core Academic Skills – recipient code #8410
- SAT – Vermont AOE recipient code #4142
- ACT – Vermont AOE recipient code #4331
- GRE – Submit ‘official’ hard copy of scores with application please. GRE scores are not sent electronically; score reports not associated with an application can get misplaced.
- National Board Certification - Submit hard copy of certificate with application.

I have taken my test; how long before I get my results? Scores will be available to candidates online approximately four weeks after the test date. A candidate can get their scores earlier by utilizing the Scores-by-Phone service. For more information on score reporting dates and accessing scores, see [Getting Your Praxis Scores](#).

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I took the Praxis I or the Praxis Core tests for Educators test and failed a section; what do I do now? Praxis I tests are no longer available. A candidate that failed a section of Praxis I must now take the Core Academic Series. A candidate that fails a section(s) of the Core Academic Series must re-take the section(s).

I took the Praxis I & II tests a few years ago in a different state. Can I use those scores or do I have to take the test again? If candidates complete tests that have the same title codes as the tests Vermont has adopted and the scores meet or exceed Vermont's passing scores, these scores can be used. Candidates should contact the Educational Testing Service and request that an official score report be sent to the Vermont Agency of Education using recipient code "8410." *Score reports are kept on file at ETS for up to 10 years from the date the test was taken.*

I want to apply for a license in Career and Technical Education or support professional (e.g., school nurse, guidance counselor, online teaching specialist). Do I need to take a Praxis test? Yes. All candidates, with a few exemptions, applying for initial Vermont licensure must meet Vermont's passing scores on the Core Academic Skills for Educators as well as any identified Praxis II tests associated with the endorsement being sought. The following endorsements are exempt for Initial licensure only: 30 Driver and Traffic Safety Education (in-vehicle instruction only), 66 School Psychologist, 16 Junior ROTC Instructor, 54 Social Worker, 65 School Nurse, 60 Work-based Learning Coordinator, 65A Associate School Nurse.

Will there be other endorsement areas that will require a Praxis II Subject Assessment test? Subject assessments for other endorsement areas may be adopted in the future.

How do Vermont's testing requirements apply to Peer Review candidates? Peer Review candidates must meet all licensure testing requirements that are in effect when the Licensing Office receives the candidate's application for a license. Please note that Peer Review candidates can only apply for a license after the panel has recommended the candidate for licensure and the candidate has received written confirmation of such from the Licensing Office.

I am applying for SLP/Audiology licensure in Vermont. What tests are required? Applicants for the Educational Speech Language Pathology endorsement must meet the passing scores for the Core Academic Series.

I previously held a Vermont educator license and wish to reinstate it. Do I have to meet the testing requirements?

No. Vermont's testing requirements do not need to be met for reinstatement of a previously held educator license.

I am applying for the science endorsement limited to a specific science subject (i.e., biology, chemistry, physics, or earth science). Do I need to take a Praxis II General Science Subject Assessment test? No. Applicants are required to meet Vermont's passing score on the applicable Praxis II subject specific test only.

If I passed a Praxis II content knowledge test (English, math, science or social studies), do I also need to pass a middle grades Praxis test in the same content area to obtain a middle grades endorsement? No. A Praxis II passing score in a secondary content area will meet the testing requirements for the middle grades endorsement in that same content area. For the middle grades science endorsement, the general science test can be substituted for the middle grades science test.

Can I have my college send the AOE my test scores? No, only test scores received **directly from ETS** will be considered official. *Score reports are kept on file at ETS for up to 10 years from the date the test was taken.*

I am seeking an endorsement in a Modern and Classical Language not tested by Praxis II. What test do I need to take (e.g. Italian)? In all languages without an assigned Praxis II exam, [ACTFL or ASLTA testing](#) is required to demonstrate proficiency.