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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 databases until needed.

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

- Candidates who hold a current professional educator license in a state that has signed the NASDTEC agreement and are applying for an initial VT license in the endorsement area being sought
- Candidates who otherwise qualify for licensure/endorsement and who is certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in the applicable endorsement area.
- Educators seeking endorsement as
 - Driver and Traffic Safety Education (in-vehicle instruction only)
 - Junior ROTC Instructor
 - School Nurse
 - Associate School Nurse
 - School Psychologist
 - Social Worker
 - Work-based Learning Coordinator

Do I have to pay a registration fee each time I register to take a Praxis test?

No. Test takers are required to pay the registration fee only once during a testing year.

I have taken my test; how long before the AOE gets my results?

Scores will be available to candidate immediately after taking most tests. ETS sends scores to the AOE approximately two weeks after the test date.

I took the Praxis II Elementary Education test and failed one section; what do I do now?

A candidate who fails a section must re-take that section only.

I took the Praxis I or the Praxis Core tests for Educators 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 (e.g., math) must now take the corresponding Core Academic Series exam (e.g., math). A candidate that fails any 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 test 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."

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 Educational SLP 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 or an alternative to this series described in this brochure.

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?

Yes. Candidates must achieve a passing score on the General Science test AND one Science subject specific test.

Biology - Test Code 5235

Chemistry - Test Code 5245

Physics - Test Code 5265

Earth Science - Test Code 5571

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.

NOTE: Middle Grades Praxis II content tests cannot be used for secondary English, Math, Social Studies or Science endorsements.

Can I have my college send the AOE my test scores?

No, only test scores received **directly from ETS** will be considered official.

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.](#)

Can scores be used from other state required tests such as the MTEL, NYSTE, CBEST, NTE, etc.?

No. Only passing SAT, ACT, GRE or Praxis I scores can be used, in lieu of, the Praxis CORE. There is no replacement for the required Praxis II test in the subject matter for which you have been recommended for licensure.

ETS INFORMATION

How do I register?

Go to [ETS](#) for registration information. You can register online or via US mail.

Are special accommodations available if required by the test taker?

The following accommodations are available: extended time for test takers whose primary language is not English, Monday testing for test takers whose military service or religious convictions prevent testing on Saturday, and non-standard testing accommodations for test takers with documented health-related needs or disabilities. **Consult the [Praxis website](#)**, for additional information regarding what's required to qualify.

What if I need to cancel or reschedule my test prior to my test date?

You may cancel or reschedule your test online or by calling ETS Customer Service at 1-800-772-9476 no later than four full days prior to your test date (not including the day of your test). If you cancel within this time frame, you may be eligible for a 50% refund of your test fees. [Contact ETS](#) for more information about cancellation, rescheduling and refunds.

When will I receive my scores?

Computer-Delivered Tests: As stated previously, scores for tests that are administered continuously will be available 2-3 weeks after the testing window closes (regardless of the specific day on which you tested within that window). Official score reports will be available online for 1 calendar year from the score reporting date. You can view your unofficial multiple-choice scores for certain tests at the test center. Because of the scoring process for constructed-response questions, your scores for tests containing constructed-response questions will not be available at the test center.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Vermont Computer Based Testing Location:** Prometric Services, 600 Blair Park Rd, Williston VT 05495. To register you must go to the [ETS website](#).
- It is the agency's expectation that an applicant who is required to meet the testing requirement, request their passing test scores to be sent to our agency. There is a cost for this service. Therefore, the agency strongly advises that applicants ensure that their testing scores meet the pass score **before placing an order**.
- Test scores submitted by an applicant or an applicant's college **cannot** be accepted **unless** the passing scores being submitted were for a PRAXIS I or SAT or ACT test taken **more than 10 years ago**. For tests taken more than 10 years ago, the agency will accept a

notarized paper copy of passing scores. The Notary will attest to the fact that the test scores are a true/accurate copy.

- If you test in Vermont, your score report will be sent automatically to the Vermont Agency of Education. If you test outside of Vermont, select the Vermont Agency of Education (**State Code 8410**) as a score recipient when you register or on an additional score report request.
- ETS has discontinued paper-delivered testing. However, tests will be available in a paper-delivered format as required for ADA accommodations. All scores for previously administered paper-delivered tests are reportable for 10 years from the date the test was taken. Note: the Assessment of Signed Communication – American Sign Language test (0632) will continue to be delivered in its current format.
- The [Top 10 Questions Asked by Praxis[™] Candidates](#)
- [Praxis Test Preparation materials](#)
- For more information on Praxis, or to register to take a test, contact the [Educational Testing Customer Service](#) at 1-800-772-9476.