



TEACHER LICENSURE EXAMS

To obtain a license to teach in the District of Columbia, applicants must provide evidence of successful completion of required state licensure exams. The District of Columbia requires completion of the Praxis Series: Academic Skills Assessments and Subject Assessment/Specialty Area Test(s) administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). The required examinations for each licensing area are listed below. Please see page 4 for previously required exams that are still accepted. In some instances license holders from other states/jurisdictions may qualify for a test exemption or waiver. For information regarding this exemption, please visit our website's [Interstate Licensure Agreement page](#).

Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST)						
Testing Area	Test Code	Required Score	OR	Testing Area	Composite Score	
PPST Reading (Paper or computer based test)	0710 or 5710	172 or 319*		*Sum of Praxis I Reading, Writing and Mathematics exams	517 or 954*	
PPST Writing (Paper or computer based test)	0720 or 5720	171 or 316*		*For composite scoring to be applied, applicants must meet the minimum score for each area as indicated below:		
PPST Mathematics (Paper or computer based test)	0730 or 5730	174 or 319*		Reading	Writing	Mathematics
				168 or 314*	165 or 307*	169 or 314*

**Acceptable Computer-Based Test (CBT) score based on previous CBT score scale*

In lieu of completing all portions of the Praxis I, individuals may submit scores from the SAT, ACT and/or GRE that meet one of the options outlined below:

Test Name	Testing Area	Combined Score		Test Name	Score		Test Name	Testing Area	Score	
1	A C T	Composite	20	AND	PPST Writing	171	OR	GRE	Writing	3.5
2	S A T	Verbal & Math	960	AND	PPST Writing	171	OR	GRE	Writing	3.5
3	S A T (pre-2005)	Verbal & Math	850	AND	PPST Writing	171	OR	GRE	Writing	3.5
4	G R E	Verbal & Quantitative	288	AND	PPST Writing	171	OR	GRE	Writing	3.5
5	G R E (pre-2012)	Verbal & Math	870	AND	PPST Writing	171	OR	GRE	Writing	3.5

Praxis II: Subject Area Assessments and Specialty Area Tests

Testing Area	Test Name (code)	Required Score
ART (K-12)	Content Knowledge (0134) Principles of Learning & Teaching**	158
BIOLOGY (7-12)	Content Knowledge (0235) AND Life Science: Pedagogy (0234) OR Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 7-12 (0624)	150 147 157
BILINGUAL EDUCATION (K-12)	Principles of Learning & Teaching**	
BILINGUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION (K-12)	Core Knowledge & Applications (0354/5354) Principles of Learning & Teaching**	151
BUSINESS (7-12)	Content Knowledge (0101) Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 7-12 (0624)	154 157
CHEMISTRY (7-12)	Content Knowledge (0245) AND Physical Science: Pedagogy (0483) OR Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 7-12 (0624)	152 154 157



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Testing Area	Test Name (code)	Required Score
COMPUTER SCIENCE (K-12); COMPUTER EDUCATION LABORATORY TEACHER (K-12)	Principles of Learning & Teaching**	
‡EARLY CHILDHOOD (PreK-3)	Content Knowledge (0022/5022)	165
	Principles of Learning & Teaching: Early Childhood (0621)	157
‡To meet highly qualified requirements outlined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by <i>No Child Left Behind</i> , Early Childhood license holders who are NEW to the profession and are teaching grades K-3 must pass the Early Childhood Content Knowledge exam (0022/5022) OR Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (0014/5014) exam to be deemed highly qualified. Veteran K-3 teachers may pass either exam or meet HOUSSE requirements to be highly qualified.		
ELEMENTARY (1-6)	Content Knowledge (0014 or 5014) AND	145
	Instructional Practice & Applications (5015) OR	161
	Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades K-6 (0622)	160
ENGLISH (7-12)	Content Knowledge (0041) AND	160
	English: Pedagogy (0043) OR	150
	Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 7-12 (0624)	157
ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS OR SCIENCE RESOURCE (1-6)	Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades K-6 (0622)	160
ENGLISH as a SECOND LANGUAGE (K-12)	English to Speakers of Other Lang. (0361) Principles of Learning & Teaching**	141
ALL OTHER FOREIGN LANGUAGE SUBJECT AREAS (K-12)	World Languages Pedagogy (0841)	158
FRENCH (K-12)	French: World Language (5174)	162
	World Languages Pedagogy (0841)	158
GENERAL SCIENCE (7-12)	Content Knowledge (0435) AND	157
	Physical Science: Pedagogy (0483) OR	154
	Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 7-12 (0624)	157
GERMAN (K-12)	German: World Language (5183)	163
	World Languages Pedagogy (0841)	158
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (K-12)	Principles of Learning & Teaching**	
HOME ECONOMICS (7-12)	Family and Consumer Science (0121)	159
	Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 7-12 (0624)	157
LATIN (K-12)	Content Knowledge (0600)	610
	World Languages Pedagogy (0841)	158
MARKETING EDUCATION (7-12)	Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 7-12 (0624)	157
MATHEMATICS (7-12)	Content Knowledge (0061) AND	141
	Mathematics: Pedagogy (0065) OR	135
	Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 7-12 (0624)	157
MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH (4-8)	Content Knowledge (0049/5049)	160
	Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 5-9 (0623)	160
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS (4-8)	Content Knowledge (0069)	152
	Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 5-9 (0623)	160
MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE (4-8)	Content Knowledge (0439)	150
	Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 5-9 (0623)	160
MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES (4-8)	Content Knowledge (0089/5089)	155
	Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 5-9 (0623)	160
MUSIC (K-12)	Principles of Learning & Teaching**	
PERFORMING ARTS (DRAMA & THEATER) K-12	Content Knowledge (0640) Principles of Learning & Teaching**	600
PERFORMING ARTS DANCE, MUSIC OR VISUAL ARTS (K-12)	Principles of Learning & Teaching**	



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PHYSICS (7-12)	Content Knowledge (0265) AND	143
	Physical Science: Pedagogy (0483) OR	154
	Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 7-12 (0624)	157
SOCIAL STUDIES (7-12)	Content Knowledge (0081) AND	155
	Social Studies: Pedagogy (0084) OR	169
	Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 7-12 (0624)	157
SPANISH (K-12)	Spanish: World Language (5195)	168
	World Languages Pedagogy (0841)	158
SPECIAL EDUCATION (K-12)	Core Knowledge & Applications (0354/5354)	151
	Principles of Learning & Teaching**	

****For K-12 Licensure Areas (except foreign language), applicants must successfully pass ONE of the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exams that most closely matches grades levels to be/being taught. The PLT exams and passing scores are as follows:**

Exam	Exam Code	Passing Score	Previous Exam Code	Passing Score
Principles of Learning & Teaching: Early Childhood	0621	157	0521	169
Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades K-6	0622	160	0522	168
Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 5-9	0623	160	0523	165
Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 7-12	0624	157	0524	162

2011-2012 ETS Paper-Based Testing Schedule

Most tests offered, visit [Praxis website](http://www.ets.org/praxis) for exceptions and for information on computer-based testing.

Test Date	Registration Must be Received by	Late Registration must be received by (with a \$45 late fee)	Emergency Registration must be received by (web only, with \$75 fee)	Registration Deadline for Centers Outside U.S. or in U.S. Territories	Registration Deadline for Monday Centers in the U.S. or Puerto Rico	Multiple Choice Scores by Phone	Approximate Multiple Choice Score Report Mailing Dates	Constructed Response Phone Report Date	Approximate Constructed Response Score Report Mailing Dates
9/17/11*	8/18/11	8/25/11	9/9/11	7/21/11	8/4/11	10/7/11	10/11/11	10/14/11	10/18/11
11/12/11	10/13/11	10/20/11	11/4/11	9/15/11	9/29/11	12/2/11	12/6/11	12/9/11	12/13/11
1/14/12*	12/15/11	12/22/11	1/6/12	11/17/12	12/1/11	2/3/12	2/7/12	2/10/12	2/14/12
3/10/12	2/9/12	2/16/12	3/2/12	1/12/12	1/26/11	3/30/12	4/3/12	4/6/12	4/10/12
4/28/12*	3/29/12	4/5/12	4/20/12	3/1/12	3/15/12	5/18/12	5/22/12	5/25/12	5/29/12
6/9/12*	5/10/12	5/17/12	6/1/12	4/12/12	4/26/12	6/29/12	7/3/12	7/6/12	7/10/12
7/21/12	6/21/12	6/28/12	7/13/12	5/24/12	6/7/12	8/10/12	8/14/11	8/17/12	8/21/12

*Primary Language Not English (PLNE) testing available

For more detailed information regarding registration procedures, fees/fee waivers, test preparation materials, etc., please contact the Educational Testing Service (ETS) at:

www.ets.org/praxis or 1-800-772-9476 or 1-609-771-7395



SCORE RECOGNITION SCHEDULE FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TEACHER LICENSURE EXAMS THAT HAVE BEEN DROPPED, DISCONTINUED OR REGENERATED

The District of Columbia recognizes that there are applicants who have achieved passing scores on licensure exams that have since been dropped, discontinued, or regenerated (ETS test updating process). In these instances, passing licensure exam scores shall be acceptable for a period not to exceed three (3) calendar years after the date an exam has been dropped, discontinued or regenerated. Please see p.5 for information on our policy regarding score changes.

Below is a chart of acceptable exams for subject areas that include a previously required exam(s), and the score recognition schedule. Applicants who possess test names/codes and scores that DO NOT match the exams listed on this chart, shall be required to provide passing scores for currently required exams.

PRAXIS I – BASIC SKILLS ASSESSMENT					
Test Name		Test Code	Score	Date Dropped / Regenerated	Date Accepted Until
CBT: Reading		0711	319	Score Rescaled	Currently accepted
CBT: Writing		0721	316	Score Rescaled	Currently accepted
CBT: Mathematics		0731	319	Score Rescaled	Currently accepted
PRAXIS II – SUBJECT AREA ASSESSMENTS					
Test Name		Test Code	Score	Date Dropped / Regenerated	Date Accepted Until
Early Childhood (PreK-3)	Education of Young Children	0021/5021	174	9/1/2011	8/31/2014
	Content Knowledge	0022/5022	165	--	Currently Required
Elementary Education (1-6)	Content Area Exercises	0012	148	9/1/2011	8/31/2014
	Content Knowledge	0014/5014	145	--	Currently Required
English as a Second Language (K-12)	Teaching English as a Second Language	0360	520	9/1/2010	8/31/2013
	Principles of Learning & Teaching**	**	**	--	Currently Required
French (K-12)	Content Knowledge	0173	155	10/15/2010	10/14/2013
	Productive Language Skills	0171	173	10/15/2010	10/14/2013
	World Languages Pedagogy	0841	158	--	Currently Required
Spanish (K-12)	Content Knowledge	0191	153	10/15/2010	10/14/2013
	Productive Language Skills	0192	166	10/15/2010	10/14/2013
	Pedagogy OR	0194	170	10/15/2010	10/14/2013
	World Languages Pedagogy	0841	158	--	Current Exam
Special Education (K-12)	Education of Exceptional Students	0353	146	9/18/2010	9/17/2013
	Principles of Learning & Teaching**	**	**	--	Currently Required

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Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades K-6	0622	160	0522	168
Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 5-9	0623	160	0523	165
Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 7-12	0624	157	0524	162



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – LICENSURE EXAMS

WHAT BASIC SKILLS EXAMS ARE REQUIRED FOR TEACHERS?

The District of Columbia offers several options to satisfy the basic skills assessment requirement. Applicants may complete the reading, writing and mathematics portions of the Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Test; or submit equivalent SAT, ACT and/or GRE scores. For additional information regarding the basic skills exam requirement, please see page 1 or visit [ETS' Praxis website](#).

WHAT SUBJECT MATTER EXAMS ARE REQUIRED FOR TEACHERS?

The District of Columbia requires Praxis II Subject Assessments offered through the Educational Testing Service (ETS). For additional information regarding required exams, please see pages 1-2 or visit [ETS' Praxis website](#).

HOW LONG ARE MY PASSING SCORES VALID?

Passing scores achieved for exam(s) that have been dropped, discontinued or regenerated shall be accepted for licensure for three (3) calendar years after the date that exam was dropped, discontinued or regenerated. There is no score expiration date for exams that we currently accept.

ARE LICENSURE EXAM SCORES FROM ANOTHER STATE TRANSFERRABLE TO D.C.?

Unless an applicant meets the eligibility requirements to have testing waived per the [Interstate Licensure Agreement \(reciprocity\)](#), the applicant must meet District of Columbia testing requirements.

We will also accept the previous versions of the Principles of Learning & Teaching Exams with the following passing scores:

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Principles of Learning & Teaching: Early Childhood	0521	169
Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades K-6	0522	168
Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 5-9	0523	165
Principles of Learning & Teaching: Grades 7-12	0524	162

I HAVE/HAD A PROVISIONAL OR REGULAR I LICENSE IN OR RECEIVED A TRANSCRIPT ANALYSIS FOR ENGLISH, SOCIAL STUDIES, GENERAL SCIENCE OR CHEMISTRY AND NOTICED THAT THE SCORE HAS INCREASED FOR A REQUIRED EXAM IN THESE SUBJECT AREAS. WILL OSSE RECOGNIZE THE PREVIOUS SCORE I WAS REQUIRED TO MEET?

If you were issued a Provisional or Regular I license from our office and apply for an upgrade to a full, Regular II license within six months of your license's expiration date, we will honor the previously required score. The previously required scores for exams in these subject areas are:

English Content Knowledge (0041): 142
 Social Studies Content Knowledge (0081): 145
 Physical Science Pedagogy (0483): 145

If you received a transcript analysis for one of the above subject areas, we will honor the previously required scores for the one-year timeframe stated on your evaluation.