

On May 15, 2020, ETS launched an [online testing option](#) for educator candidates to take high-frequency certification assessments. This temporary solution will remain in place at least until physical testing centers are operating again at full capacity. The tests offered are identical in content and format to those computer-based assessments administered in testing centers and are offered at the same cost. Test-takers using this solution may complete the test at home or in another secure location. Their computer equipment must meet necessary technical specifications, and the test administration is monitored online using software and a human proctor.

Unfortunately, all Praxis certification assessments are not available through the online testing option, including some tests required for certification purposes in South Carolina. For this reason, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) requested and received approval for two additional test adoptions as indicated below. These additional options became effective today, May 18, 2020, and the previously adopted assessments in each certification field remain in effect as well but are not offered through the online solution.

Certification Field: Early Childhood Education

Additional Adoption: [Praxis 5025 Early Childhood Education](#)

Qualifying Score: 156

Candidates seeking certification in Early Childhood Education may use a qualifying score on Praxis 5025 Early Childhood Education or on Praxis 5024 Education of Young Children. The qualifying score of 156 on Praxis 5025 is the recommended value determined by educators who participated in the multi-state standard setting study for the assessment.

Certification Field: English

Additional Adoption: [Praxis 5038 English Language Arts: Content Knowledge](#)

Qualifying Score: 167

Candidates seeking certification in English may use a qualifying score on Praxis 5038 English Language Arts: Content Knowledge in lieu of Praxis 5039 English Language Arts: Content and Analysis. The qualifying score of 167 on Praxis 5038 is the recommended value determined by educators who participated in the multi-state standard setting study for the assessment.

The test blueprints and study plans for these assessments are available via the links provided.

Again, the previously adopted assessments remain current and may be used for certification purposes. We have adopted these two additional assessments since the current adoptions are not available. The new adoptions will remain as an option at least through the 2020-21 academic year.

The [Praxis Tests at Home](#) website provides additional information on the online testing option, including the list of assessments available now.

Beginning June 1, 2020, the following assessments used in South Carolina will also become available.

- 5621 PLT: Early Childhood
- 5622 PLT: K-6
- 5623 PLT: 5-9
- 5624 PLT: 7-12
- 5543 Special Education: Mild Moderate Applications
- 5421 Professional School Counselor
- 5047 Middle School English Language Arts
- 5440 Middle School Science
- 5086 Social Studies: Content and Interpretation
- 5095 Physical Education: Content and Design
- 5652 Computer Science
- 5412 Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision

Even though some tests are now available online and some testing centers are opening on a limited basis, the Provisional certificate option will remain available to eligible program completers for the 2020-21 school year. We do not anticipate additional tests being added after June 1.

Please see the [Praxis for South Carolina](#) and [SCDE Required Certification Assessments](#) webpages for additional information. One note—because we submitted the adoption paperwork to ETS on Friday, May 15, their South Carolina page does not yet include the two new adoptions. The page should be updated soon to reflect this change. The SCDE webpage and assessment list have been updated.