

# CERTIFICATION ALERT

## Connecticut Educator Certification News from The Connecticut State Department of Education



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### CHANGE TO TEST REQUIREMENTS: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

#### *Discontinuation of the Praxis II PLT Test #5622*

On January 7, 2015, the State Board of Education approved the decision to discontinue the requirement for Praxis test #5622 Principles of Teaching and Learning (PLT) Grades K–6. This test is no longer required for eligibility for endorsement in elementary education in Connecticut.

#### *Current Test Requirements for Elementary Education*

On March 7, 2012, the State Board of Education adopted new Praxis tests for all applicants for certification in elementary education. Applicants on or after September 1, 2012, who do not currently hold a valid Connecticut certificate endorsed for elementary education or who are not otherwise exempt as provided under statute, must meet minimum score requirements on the currently required tests. As of September 1, 2012, Praxis II tests #0011 and #0012 or previous tests are no longer accepted.

Currently, the following subject area tests are required, in addition to the basic skills test:

<p><b>Praxis II Test #5031</b>  <b>Elementary Education:</b>  <b>Multiple Subjects</b>  <a href="http://www.ets.org/praxis">www.ets.org/praxis</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subtest 1, #5032: Reading &amp; Language Arts</li> <li>• Subtest 2, #5033: Mathematics</li> <li>• Subtest 3, #5034: Social Studies</li> <li>• Subtest 4, #5035: Science</li> </ul>
<p><b>Connecticut Foundations  of Reading Test</b>  <a href="http://www.ct.nesinc.com">www.ct.nesinc.com</a></p>	

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*Upcoming Change to Praxis II Test Codes*

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) is in the process of updating and regenerating Praxis II test #5031. As of September 1, 2015, the following subject area tests will be required:

<p><b>Test #5001</b>  <b>Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects</b>  <a href="http://www.ets.org/praxis">www.ets.org/praxis</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subtest 1, #5002: Reading &amp; Language Arts</li> <li>• Subtest 2, #5003: Mathematics</li> <li>• Subtest 3, #5004: Social Studies</li> <li>• Subtest 4, #5005: Science</li> </ul>
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*Transition Policy for Elementary Tests*

Because the Praxis II Multiple Subjects Test for elementary certification, #5031, and the newer version, #5001, are not comparable to the tests previously required (such as tests #0011 and #0012), effective September 1, 2012, no other tests will be accepted in lieu of the multiple subjects tests, even if passed prior to September 1, 2012. This means:

1. If a candidate took older tests but did not apply for certification until after September 1, 2012, the candidate must take the new tests to qualify for certification.
2. In order for tests #0011 and #0012 to be accepted to meet Praxis II requirements, educators were required to meet all certification requirements, pass ALL THREE tests (#0011, #0012 and Foundations of Reading) AND apply for certification PRIOR to September 1, 2012.
3. Educators who hold an elementary endorsement and let their certificate lapse will be required to meet current test requirements before they will again become eligible for certification.
4. In accordance with the transition policy for regenerated tests, scores on the Praxis II Multiple Subjects Test #5031 that meet minimum score requirements will be accepted for five years, through August 31, 2020. On and after September 1, 2020, any applicant for endorsement in elementary education who has not achieved passing scores on all subsections of the Praxis II Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Test #5031 will be required to pass the new Praxis II Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Test #5001.

**Information about test requirements and test transition policies is available from the “Guide to Assessments for Educator Certification in Connecticut” at [www.ct.gov/sde/certtests](http://www.ct.gov/sde/certtests).**

**Questions about testing requirements for elementary education should be submitted in writing to [teacher.cert@ct.gov](mailto:teacher.cert@ct.gov).**

