
Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators Policy 5.105

The Background:

To become a fully licensed educator in Tennessee, individuals must demonstrate both content and pedagogical competencies. This item introduced several changes on first reading in July 2018.

- Page 1: Revises the edTPA qualifying scores to incrementally increase the existing cut score of 37 to 42 over the next three years.
- Page 2:
 - Replaces the School Leader Licensure Assessment (6011) with the regenerated School Leader Licensure Assessment (6990). The new assessment will be acceptable on Oct. 19, 2018. The former assessment will be accepted until Aug. 31, 2019.
 - Replaces the Computer Science (5651) with the regenerated Computer Science (5652). The new assessment will be acceptable on Oct. 19, 2018.
 - Footnote 1 clarifies the assessments required for 9-12 endorsements issued based on T.C.A. § 49-5-112.
- Page 4: Replaces the Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (5018) assessment with the Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001) assessment. The new assessment will be acceptable on Oct. 19, 2018. The former assessment will be accepted until Aug. 31, 2019.
- Page 5:
 - Replaces the Middle School Mathematics (5146 – Praxis Series) with the Middle Grades Mathematics assessment administered by National Evaluation Services. The new assessment will be accepted beginning on Oct. 19, 2018. The former assessment will be accepted until Aug. 31, 2019.
 - Adds the Mathematics assessment administered by National Evaluation Services for the Secondary Mathematics endorsement. The new assessment will be acceptable on Oct. 19, 2018. The former assessment will still be acceptable. Candidates may choose which of the two assessments they prefer to take.
 - Adds four assessments for World Languages (Arabic, Greek, Japanese and Russian). The new assessment will be acceptable on Oct. 19, 2018, and required on Aug. 31, 2019.

Since first reading, changes were made to clean up endorsements and grade spans that are no longer offered and to clarify assessment timelines and dates of acceptance of qualifying scores. In addition, passing edTPA scores for Classical Languages were corrected to reflect the rubrics for that assessment. Finally, the Educational Technology Specialist edTPA assessment has been added for individuals seeking the Computer Science endorsement and an additional Elementary Education edTPA assessment option has been added.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends approval of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.