

Basic Skills Assessment Options

Basic Skills Assessment Exception Individuals that completed an approved post-accalaureate certification program or hold a graduate level degree are not required to take the basic skills assessments.

Basic Skills Assessments – Composite Score Option

You may combine reading, writing and mathematics module scores from different test providers to meet the basic skills requirements.

You may use the composite score method to meet the requirement when you do well in one or two areas to compensate for a lower score in the other area.

The composite score is the sum of the passing scores. Use the Composite Score Calculator when mixing tests. Note When using the composite score, each test must meet or exceed the minimum score listed.

I. ACT

Test Registration Link:

[ACT](#)

Test Name	Section	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
ACT - before September 1, 2015:			
Send an email to ra-edcertquestions@pa.gov with a copy of your full score report for a determination.			
ACT – September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016			
	Reading	22	20
	Writing	21	17
	Mathematics	21	19
	Composite ACT Test Score:	64	
ACT – after August 31, 2016			
	Reading	22	20
	Writing after Sept. 2016	8	7
	Mathematics	21	19
	Composite ACT Test Score:	51	

II. CORE Academic		Test Registration Link: ETS		
CORE Test Option Effective 6/1/2014 for non-vocational certifications		Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
Reading	5712	156	148	
Mathematics	5732	142	132	
Writing	5722	162	158	
Composite CORE Test Score:		460		

III. PAPA		Test Registration Link: ES Pearson	
Test Name	Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
Reading	8001	220	193
Mathematics	8002	193	176*
Writing	8003	220	192
Composite PAPA Test Score:		633	

*We will accept 174 from candidates accepted into an educator certification program prior to 8/31/2016

IV. SAT		Test Registration Link: College Board	
Test Date	Test	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
SAT – prior to March 1, 2016	Critical Reading	500	500
	Mathematics	500	500
	Writing	500	500
	Composite SAT Test Score:	1500	
SAT - after February 29, 2016	Reading	27	25
	Mathematics	26	24
	Writing and Language	28	26
	Composite SAT Test Score:	81	

V. PPST (Praxis I)*

Test Name	Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
PPST or Computerized PPST Reading	0710 or 5710	172	169
PPST or Computerized PPST Writing	0720 or 5720	173	170
PPST or Computerized PPST Mathematics	0730 or 5730	173	170
Composite PPST Test Score:		518	

*Test Series Must be Started Prior to 12/31/2012