

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION AND TESTING DIVISION

TESTS REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATES

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TEACHING CERTIFICATES Initial or Standard--Type 04, **Early Childhood**; Type 03, **Elementary**; Type 09; **Secondary**; Type 10, **Special Certificate**

TESTS CURRENTLY REQUIRED:

Basic Skills Test

- Required prior to issuance of the certificate
- Effective July 2002, required of candidates prior to entering teacher education programs leading to any of these certificates (PA 92-734)

Content Test

- The appropriate test of content knowledge is required prior to issuance of the certificate
- Effective Fall 2004, candidates in Illinois approved programs must pass the appropriate test of content knowledge prior to student teaching (PA 92-734)
- Beginning July 2003, new special education content tests will replace existing special education tests
- Beginning July 2004, new content tests for all other teaching certificates will replace existing content tests

TEST REQUIRED BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2003:

Assessment of Professional Teaching

- Will be required, prior to the issuance of any of the above certificates, of individuals who apply for one of those certificates on or after October 1, 2003
- There will be four levels of this test, one for each certificate type: Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, Special

PROVISIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATES: Issuance limited to individuals who hold comparable, valid teaching certificates from other states: Type 05, **Provisional Early Childhood**; Type 30, **Provisional Elementary**; Type 31 **Provisional Secondary**; Type 33, **Provisional Special**

- The holder must pass the test required for issuance of the corresponding Initial or Standard Certificate no later than nine months from the issue date of the provisional certificate.
- Failure to do so results in cancellation of the certificate.

SCHOOL SERVICE PERSONNEL CERTIFICATES Type 73, **School Service Personnel** (Includes endorsements: School Nurse, School Psychologist, School Social Worker, School Counselor and Speech Language Pathologist-Non Teaching)

TESTS REQUIRED:

Basic Skills Test

- Required prior to issuance of the certificate

Content Test

- Required prior to issuance of the certificate
- Beginning July 2003, a new Speech Language Pathologist –Non Teaching test will replace the existing test required for that endorsement
- Beginning July 2005, new content tests will replace all other existing School Service Personnel tests

PROVISIONAL SCHOOL SERVICE PERSONNEL CERTIFICATES: Issuance limited to individuals who hold comparable, valid school service personnel certificates from other states: Type 74, **Provisional School Service Personnel**

- The holder must pass the tests required for issuance of the corresponding Type 73 School Service Personnel Certificate no later than nine months from the issue date of the provisional certificate.
- Failure to do so results in cancellation of the certificate.

ADMINISTRATIVE CERTIFICATES Type 75, **Administrative Certificates** Includes current endorsements: General Supervisory (discontinued as of July 2003), General Administrative, Chief School Business Official, and Superintendent. Beginning July 2004, the endorsements will be: Principal, Chief School Business Official, and School Superintendent. Beginning January 2003, a new Director of Special Education endorsement is expected to be available)

TESTS REQUIRED:

Basic Skills Test

- Required prior to issuance of the certificate

Content Test

- Appropriate test of content knowledge required prior to issuance of the certificate
- Beginning July 2004, new content tests will replace existing tests
- Beginning July 2004, new Director of Special Education test will be available, it will required for the endorsement beginning July 2005

PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE CERTIFICATES: Issuance limited to candidates who hold comparable, valid administrative certificates from other states: TYPE 76, **Provisional Administrative**

- The holder is required to pass the test required for issuance of the corresponding certificate no later than nine months from the issue date of the provisional certificate.
- Failure to do so results in cancellation of the certificate

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE PROGRAM CERTIFICATES Issuance limited to candidates enrolled in approved alternative route teacher education programs: Type 23, **Provisional Alternative Elementary**; Type 25, **Provisional Alternative Secondary**; Type 26, **Provisional Alternative Administrative**; Type 27, **Provisional Alternative Special**; Type 38, **Resident Teacher Certificate**; Type 43, **Provisional Alternative Early Childhood**

TESTS REQUIRED:

Basic Skills Test

- Required prior to issuance of the certificate

Content Test

- Required prior to issuance of the certificate
- Beginning July 2003, new special education content tests will replace existing special education tests
- Beginning July 2004, new content tests for all other teaching certificates will replace existing tests

TRANSITIONAL BILINGUAL CERTIFICATE Type 29, **Transitional Bilingual Certificate**, endorsed in target language

TESTS REQUIRED:

Language Proficiency Test

- Required prior to issuance of the certificate
- A test of language proficiency in the target language is required unless the applicant received a degree from an institution where the target language was the medium of instruction.
- A test in English Language Proficiency is required unless the applicant received a degree from an institution where English was the medium of instruction.