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ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR VIRGINIA LICENSURE

To review the requirements for licensure, please refer to the [Licensure Regulations for School Personnel](#). Please read the information carefully to determine the assessment(s) you may need for an initial Virginia license, an endorsement in Mathematics – Algebra I, an endorsement as a Reading Specialist, or the Administration and Supervision endorsement.

Introduction

Pursuant to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*, all candidates who hold at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and who seek an initial Virginia teaching license must obtain passing scores on professional teacher's assessments prescribed by the Board of Education [Refer to “Reciprocity – Individuals Who Hold Active Out-of-State Licenses with Full Credentials and Without Deficiencies,” page 1]. With the exception of the career switcher program and the experiential learning alternate route that requires assessments as prerequisites, individuals must complete the professional teacher’s assessments within the three-year validity of the initial provisional license. Candidates seeking a Technical Professional License, International Educator License, School Manager License, or the Pupil Personnel Services License are not required to take the professional teacher's assessments.

The Virginia Board of Education also has approved assessments for individuals seeking the Mathematics – Algebra I (add-on) endorsement, the Reading Specialist endorsement and the Administration and Supervision preK-12 endorsement.

An individual who holds an active teaching license may add an additional teaching endorsement to the license by passing a rigorous academic subject test prescribed by the Board of Education. This testing option does not apply to individuals who are seeking an Early/Primary preK-3 or Elementary Education preK-6 endorsement or who hold a Technical Professional License, Vocational Evaluator License, Pupil Personnel Services License, School Manager License, International Educator License, or Division Superintendent License. Individuals may not add an endorsement in special education through testing. Also, endorsements in Administration and Supervision preK-12 and Reading Specialist cannot be added by testing. If the individual holds a provisional license, the Praxis Subject Assessment for his or her original endorsement must be completed before additional endorsements can be added through testing; however, please note that only endorsements in special education are allowed on a provisional special education license.

Please review the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* that further detail assessment requirements.

Reciprocity [Individuals Who Hold Active Out-of-State Licenses with Full Credentials and Without Deficiencies]

Licensure by reciprocity is provided for individuals who have obtained a valid out-of-state license, with full credentials and without deficiencies, that is in force at the time the application for a Virginia license is received by the Department of Education. No service requirements or licensing assessments shall be required for any such individual.

[Please note that the current out-of-state license (full credential and without deficiencies) must be submitted with the other required application documents when applying for reciprocity.]

Assessments Required for Initial Licensure

The prescribed tests for Virginia for initial licensure are as follows:

ACADEMIC SKILLS ASSESSMENT

Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment-VCLA

CONTENT ASSESSMENT

Praxis Subject Assessments (if applicable) – Refer to Praxis Subject Assessments

READING ASSESSMENT

Required for any of the following endorsements (teaching areas): Early/Primary Education preK-3, Elementary Education preK-6, Special Education-General Curriculum K-12, Special Education Hearing Impairments, and Special Education Visual Impairments. [This assessment also may apply to those individuals with endorsements in Special Education-Emotional Disturbances, Special Education-Specific Learning Disabilities, and Special Education-Intellectual Disabilities who were advised under previous regulations to meet this assessment requirement for full licensure.]

Praxis® Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205) (required after September 1, 2022)

OR

Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Elementary and Special Education (5306)

[Score reports for individuals who took the RVE (5306) prior to 8/31/2022, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]

Assessment Required for Individuals Seeking an Initial License with a Special Education Blindness and Visual Impairments Endorsement

Braille Proficiency Test (0633)

Assessment Required for Individuals Seeking a Reading Specialist Endorsement

Praxis® Reading Specialist (5302) (required after September 1, 2022)

OR

Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Reading Specialist (5304)

[Score reports for individuals who took the RVE (5304) prior to 8/31/2022, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]

Assessment Required for Individuals Seeking an Administration and Supervision Endorsement

School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) (6990) (required after January 1, 2020); OR

School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) (6011) [Score reports for individuals who took the SLLA (6011) prior to 1/1/2020, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]

Assessments**VIRGINIA COMMUNICATION AND LITERACY ASSESSMENT**

The Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) became effective January 1, 2006, for individuals seeking an initial Virginia license [Refer to “Reciprocity – Individuals Who Hold Active Out-of-State Licenses with Full Credentials and Without Deficiencies,” page 1]. For more information about the test content, test dates, costs, accommodations for individuals with disabilities, and registration, refer to the [VCLA website](#), or contact Evaluation Systems Pearson, PO Box 660, Amherst, MA 01004-9015; Telephone: (866) 613-3292 or (413) 256-2888; Teletypewriter (TTY): (413) 256-8032.

PASSING SCORES: EFFECTIVE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

Writing Sub Test:	235
Reading Sub Test:	235
Composite Score:	470

On April 8, 2024, the Governor of Virginia approved House Bill 731, which eliminates the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) as a requirement for initial licensure. This assessment requirement remains in effect through June 30, 2024. Effective July 1, 2024, individuals will no longer be required to pass the VCLA as a requirement for initial licensure.

After June 30, 2024, individuals who have been cited for the VCLA, and who have completed all other initial licensure requirements, may submit a request to update their evaluation and be issued a full, renewable license. Individuals who are employed in a Virginia educational agency should work directly with their employing agency’s human resources or licensure representative in submitting this request.

PRAXIS SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS

The following initial licensure tests are prescribed by the Board of Education. Individuals are required to satisfy the Subject Area test(s) requirement for only one endorsement area, but it must match an endorsement area in which the initial licensure is granted. For information regarding registration, test administration, fees, the policy for testing individuals with disabilities, etc., please refer to the [ETS website](#), or contact the Educational Testing Service (ETS) at 1-800-772-9476 or 609-771-7395 for THE PRAXIS SERIES Registration Bulletin or write to THE PRAXIS SERIES, ETS, PO Box 6051, Princeton, NJ 08541-6051. Hearing impaired individuals using a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may call 1-800-275-1391 for information.

Please note the column that identifies the “CURRENT VIRGINIA APPROVED TEST”.

Score reports for individuals who took a Virginia approved test during the time frame in which it was current will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.

SUBJECT AREA TEST	CURRENT APPROVED TEST (MARKED WITH X)	TEST CODE	PASSING SCORE	ENDORSEMENT AREA
ART (Visual Arts):				
Art: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 9/1/2011)		(0133) not current test in Virginia	159	Visual Arts
Art: Content Knowledge (taken 9/1/2011 through 6/7/2014)		(0134) paper not current test in Virginia	158	Visual Arts
Art: Content Knowledge (taken after 9/1/2011)	X	(5134) computer	158	Visual Arts
BIOLOGY:				
Biology: Content Knowledge		(0235) paper not current test in Virginia	155	Biology
Biology: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 7/1/2023)		(5235) computer not current test in Virginia	155	Biology
Praxis® Biology (effective 7/1/2023)	X	(5236) computer	154	Biology
BRAILLE (Special Education - Blindness and Visual Impairments): <i>A Braille assessment is required for initial licensure but <u>CANNOT</u> be used to add the Special Education Blindness and Visual Impairments preK-12 endorsement by testing.</i>				
Braille Proficiency (taken 7/1/2011 through 6/30/2016)		(0631) paper Not current test in Virginia	168	Special Education-Blindness and Visual Impairments preK-12
Braille Proficiency (effective 7/1/2016)	X	(0633) computer	157	Special Education-Blindness and Visual Impairments preK-12
BUSINESS (Business and Information Technology):				
Business Education: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 9/1/2010)		(0100) paper not current test in Virginia	590	Business and Information Technology
Business Education: Content Knowledge (taken 9/1/2010 through 6/7/2014)		(0101) paper not current test in Virginia	157	Business and Information Technology
Business Education: Content Knowledge (taken after 9/1/2010)	X	(5101) computer	157	Business and Information Technology
CHEMISTRY:				
Chemistry: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 6/7/2014)		(0245) paper not current test in Virginia	153	Chemistry
Chemistry: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 7/1/2023)		(5245) computer not current test in Virginia	153	Chemistry
Praxis® Chemistry (effective 7/1/2023)	X	(5246) computer	146	Chemistry
COMPUTER SCIENCE:				
Computer Science (effective 9/1/2018)	X	(5652) computer	142	Computer Science
EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES:				
Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 6/7/2014)		(0571) paper not current test in Virginia	156	Earth Science
Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (taken 6/7/2014 through 7/31/2024)	X	(5571) computer	156	Earth Science
Praxis® Earth and Space Sciences (effective 1/1/2024)	X	(5572)	154	Earth Science

SUBJECT AREA TEST	CURRENT APPROVED TEST (MARKED WITH X)	TEST CODE	PASSING SCORE	ENDORSEMENT AREA
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION:				
<i>Elementary Subject Tests are required for initial licensure but <u>CANNOT</u> be used to add an Early/Primary Education preK-3 or Elementary Education preK-6 endorsement by testing.</i>				
Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 7/1/2014)		(0014) paper not current test in Virginia	143	Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 7/1/2014)		(5014) computer not current test in Virginia	143	Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031): (effective 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015) A passing score on each subtest was required.		not current test in Virginia		Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Subtest (5032): Reading and Language Arts (effective 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015)		(5032) computer not current test in Virginia	165	
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Subtest (5033): Mathematics (effective 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015)		(5033) computer not current test in Virginia	164	
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Subtest (5034): Social Studies (effective 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015)		(5034) computer not current test in Virginia	155	
Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Subtest (5035): Science (effective 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015)		(5035) computer not current test in Virginia	159	
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001): X (effective 7/1/2015) A passing score on <u>each</u> subtest is required. If a passing score is not obtained on each subtest, a subtest may be retaken as a stand-alone test.				Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5002): Reading and Language Arts (effective 7/1/2015)	X	(5002) computer	157	
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5003): Mathematics (effective 7/1/2015)	X	(5003) computer	157	
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5004): Social Studies (effective 7/1/2015)	X	(5004) computer	155	
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5005): Science (effective 7/1/2015)	X	(5005) computer	159	
ENGLISH:				
English Language, Literature and Composition: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 1/1/2014)		(0041) paper not current test in Virginia	172	English
English Language, Literature and Composition: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 1/1/2014)		(5041) computer not current test in Virginia	172	English
English Language Arts: Content Knowledge (effective 1/1/2014)	X	(5038) computer	167	English
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE:				
English to Speakers of Other Languages Test (effective 7/1/2016)	X	(5362) computer	149	English as a Second Language preK-12
FRENCH:				
French: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 9/1/2010)		(0173) paper not current test in Virginia	169	French preK-12
French: World Language (effective 9/1/2010)	X	(5174) computer	163	French preK-12
GERMAN:				
German: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 9/1/2010)		(0181) paper not current test in Virginia	162	German preK-12
German: World Language (effective 9/1/2010)	X	(5183) computer	163	German preK-12

SUBJECT AREA TEST	CURRENT APPROVED TEST (MARKED WITH X)	TEST CODE	PASSING SCORE	ENDORSEMENT AREA
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES:				
Family and Consumer Sciences (taken prior to 9/1/2008)		(0120) paper not current test in Virginia	550	Family and Consumer Sciences
Family and Consumer Sciences (effective 9/1/2008 through 6/7/2014)		(0121) paper not current test in Virginia	150	Family and Consumer Sciences
Family and Consumer Sciences (effective 9/1/2008 through 6/30/2015)		(5121) computer not current test in Virginia	150	Family and Consumer Sciences
Family and Consumer Sciences (effective 7/1/2015)	X	(5122) computer	153	Family and Consumer Sciences
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:				
Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 6/7/2014)		(0856) paper not current test in Virginia	151	Health and Physical Education preK-12
Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 6/30/2015)		(5856) computer not current test in Virginia	151	Health and Physical Education preK-12
Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (effective 7/1/2015)	X	(5857) computer	160	Health and Physical Education preK-12
MARKETING EDUCATION:				
Marketing Education (taken prior to 9/1/2008)		(0560) paper not current test in Virginia	570	Marketing Education
Marketing Education (effective 9/1/2008 through 10/5/2014)		(0561) paper not current test in Virginia	147	Marketing Education
Marketing Education (effective 10/6/2014)	X	(5561) computer	147	Marketing Education
MATHEMATICS:				
Mathematics: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 1/1/2014)		(0061) paper not current test in Virginia	147	Mathematics
Mathematics: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 1/1/2014)		(5061) computer not current test in Virginia	147	Mathematics
Mathematics: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 9/1/2022)		(5161) computer not current test in Virginia	160	Mathematics
Praxis® Mathematics (effective 9/1/2022)	X	(5165) computer	159	Mathematics
MIDDLE SCHOOL-ENGLISH:				
Middle School English/Language Arts (taken prior to 1/1/2014)		(0049) paper not current test in Virginia	164	Middle Education English
Middle School English/Language Arts (taken prior to 1/1/2014)		(5049) computer not current test in Virginia	164	Middle Education English
Middle School English/Language Arts (effective 1/1/2014)	X	(5047) computer	164	Middle Education English
MIDDLE SCHOOL-MATHEMATICS:				
Middle School Mathematics (taken prior to 1/1/2014)		(0069) paper not current test in Virginia	163	Middle Education Mathematics
Middle School Mathematics (taken prior to 9/1/2022)		(5169) computer not current test in Virginia	165	Middle Education Mathematics
Middle School Mathematics (effective 9/1/2022)	X	(5164) computer	157	Middle Education Mathematics
MIDDLE SCHOOL-SCIENCE:				
Middle School Science (taken prior to 7/1/2015)		(0439) paper not current test in Virginia	162	Middle Education Science
Middle School Science (taken prior to 03/18/21)		(5440) computer not current test in Virginia	150	Middle Education Science
Middle School Science (effective 03/18/21)	X	(5442) computer	147	Middle Education Science
MIDDLE SCHOOL-SOCIAL STUDIES:				
Middle School Social Studies (taken prior to 6/7/2014)		(0089) paper not current test in Virginia	160	Middle Education History and Social Sciences
Middle School Social Studies	X	(5089) computer	160	Middle Education History and Social Sciences

SUBJECT AREA TEST	CURRENT APPROVED TEST (MARKED WITH X)	TEST CODE	PASSING SCORE	ENDORSEMENT AREA
MUSIC (Music-Vocal/Choral or Music-Instrumental):				
Music: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 6/7/2014)		(0113) paper not current test in Virginia	160	Music-Vocal/Choral preK-12 or Music-Instrumental preK-12
Music: Content Knowledge	X	(5113) computer	160	Music-Vocal/Choral preK-12 or Music-Instrumental preK-12
PHYSICS:				
Physics: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 6/7/2014)		(0265) paper not current test in Virginia	147	Physics
Physics: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 7/1/2023)		(5265) computer not current test in Virginia	147	Physics
Praxis® Physics (effective 7/1/2023)	X	(5266) computer	145	Physics
SOCIAL STUDIES (History and Social Sciences):				
Social Studies: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 6/7/2014)		(0081) paper not current test in Virginia	161	History and Social Science
Social Studies: Content Knowledge	X	(5081) computer	161	History and Social Science
SPANISH:				
Spanish: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 9/1/2010)		(0191) paper not current test in Virginia	161	Spanish preK-12
Spanish: World Language (effective 9/1/2010)	X	(5195) computer	168	Spanish preK-12
TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION:				
Technology Education (taken prior to 9/1/2011)		(0050) paper not current test in Virginia	610	Technology Education
Technology Education (effective 9/1/2011 through 6/7/2014)		(0051) paper not current test in Virginia	162	Technology Education
Technology Education (effective 7/1/2014)	X	(5051) computer	162	Technology Education

ADD-ON SUBJECT AREA TEST

The Algebra I test is an option to add the Mathematics – Algebra I (add-on) endorsement to a teaching license. This test cannot be used as an assessment for initial licensure; the test may only be used to add the Mathematics – Algebra I (add-on) endorsement for individuals who hold an active (1) Collegiate Professional or Postgraduate Professional License or (2) Provisional License leading to a Collegiate Professional or Postgraduate Professional License if the testing requirement for the initial endorsement has been met.

ADD-ON SUBJECT AREA TEST	CURRENT APPROVED TEST (MARKED WITH X)	TEST CODE	PASSING SCORE	ADD-ON ENDORSEMENT AREA
ALGEBRA I:				
The Algebra I test is an option to add the Mathematics – Algebra I (add-on) endorsement to a <u>teaching</u> license. This test <u>CANNOT</u> be used as an assessment for initial licensure.				
Algebra I (effective 2/23/2017)	X	(5162) computer	148	Mathematics – Algebra I (add-on endorsement)

READING ASSESSMENTS

The following reading assessment is prescribed by the Virginia Board of Education for individuals seeking an initial Virginia license with the following endorsements: Early/Primary Education PreK-3, Elementary Education PreK-6, Special Education-General Curriculum K-12, Special Education-Deaf and Hard of Hearing PreK-12, Special Education-Blindness and Visual Impairments PreK-12. [The Praxis Reading Assessment CANNOT be used to add an endorsement by testing.]

READING ASSESSMENT FOR ELEMENTARY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENTS	CURRENT APPROVED TEST (MARKED WITH X)	TEST CODE	PASSING SCORE	ENDORSEMENT AREAS
The Praxis Reading Assessment CANNOT be used to add an endorsement by testing.				
Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Elementary and Special Education (effective 7/1/2011 through 9/1/2022)		(0306/5306)	157	Initial licensure with endorsement(s) in: Early/Primary Education preK-3, Elementary Education preK-6, Special Education General Curriculum K-12, Special Education Deaf and Hard of Hearing preK-12, or Special Education Blindness and Visual Impairments preK-12.
Praxis® Teaching Reading: Elementary (effective 9/01/2022)	X	(5205)	159	Initial licensure with endorsement(s) in: Early/Primary Education preK-3, Elementary Education preK-6, Special Education General Curriculum K-12, Special Education Deaf and Hard of Hearing preK-12, or Special Education Blindness and Visual Impairments preK-12.

The following reading assessment is prescribed by the Virginia Board of Education for individuals seeking an endorsement as a Reading Specialist. [The Praxis Reading Assessment CANNOT be used to add the Reading Specialist endorsement by testing.]

READING ASSESSMENT FOR READING SPECIALIST ENDORSEMENT	CURRENT APPROVED TEST (MARKED WITH X)	TEST CODE	PASSING SCORE	ENDORSEMENT AREA
The Praxis Reading Assessment CANNOT be used to add the Reading Specialist endorsement by testing.				
Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Reading Specialist Assessment (effective 7/1/2011 through 9/1/2022)		(0304/5304)	162	Reading Specialist preK-12
Praxis® Reading Specialist (effective 09/01/2022)	X	(5302)	162	Reading Specialist preK-12

For information regarding registration, test administration, fees, the policy for testing individuals with disabilities, etc., please refer to the [ETS website](#), or contact the Educational Testing Service (ETS) at 1-800-772-9476 or 609-771-7395 for THE PRAXIS SERIES Registration Bulletin or write to THE PRAXIS SERIES, ETS, PO Box 6051, Princeton, NJ 08541-6051. Hearing impaired individuals using a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may call 1-800-275-1391 for information.

VRA (no longer available) Taken Prior to June 30, 2011: Even though the Virginia Reading Assessment (VRA) and Virginia Reading Assessment for Reading Specialists (VRA for Reading Specialists) have not been administered since June 30, 2011, the passing scores on the VRA assessments will be accepted from individuals who took the tests prior to June 30, 2011. The cut score for the Virginia Reading Assessments for elementary and special education teachers was 235 and the cut score for reading specialists was 245, effective July 1, 2006.

NOTES:

Individuals who were previously cited for the Virginia Reading Assessment (VRA) or Virginia Reading Assessment for Reading Specialists (VRA for Reading Specialists) and who have not yet completed these tests are now required to take the new assessments. The VRA and VRA for Reading Specialists are no longer available.

SCHOOL LEADERS LICENSURE ASSESSMENT (SLLA) – TEST CODE 6011 OR TEST CODE 6990

Effective July 1, 2005, the Board of Education approved the use of the **School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)** for individuals seeking an Administration and Supervision endorsement.

On July 26, 2018, the Board of Education approved a cut score of 146 for the SLLA (test code 6990).

For the period of September 1, 2018 to January 1, 2020, individuals may take either the SLLA (6011) or SLLA (6990). Effective January 1, 2020, SLLA (6990) is required for individuals seeking an Administration and Supervision PreK-12 endorsement.

SCHOOL LEADERS LICENSURE ASSESSMENT	CURRENT APPROVED TEST (MARKED WITH X)	TEST CODE	PASSING SCORE	ENDORSEMENT AREA
The School Leaders Licensure Assessment <u>CANNOT</u> be used to add an Administration and Supervision preK-12 endorsement by testing.				
School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) (effective 1/14/10 through 12/31/2019)		(1011/6011)	163	Administration and Supervision preK-12
School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) (effective 1/1/2020)	X	(6990)	146	Administration and Supervision preK-12

NOTE:

Previous Version of SLLA (no longer available): Virginia will continue to accept passing scores on the old version of the SLLA (test code 1010) that was last administered in Virginia in October 2009. The cut score for the SLLA test code 1010 was 165.

On January 14, 2010, the Board of Education approved a cut score of 163 for the SLLA (test code 1011). This test was administered for the last time in a paper format in September 2011. Effective January 2012, the SLLA is available in a computer-delivered format only. The test code is 6011, and the cut score is 163.

Score reports for individuals who took the SLLA (6011) prior to 1/1/2020, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.

Copies of Official Score Reports

Upon registering for assessments, test takers may have opted for scores to be sent to the Virginia Department of Education. Please note that the Licensure Office does not receive a paper copy of the official score report(s) from the testing service. Because not all scores can be electronically accessed, **candidates should include a paper copy of their official score report to the Licensure Office with the licensure application.**