

GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION
TEACHING CERTIFICATES

April 2, 2014

CERT. NO.	TYPE	SUBJECT & FIELD	ISSUED	EXP. DATE
7018	RENEWAL	ME: Elementary K-5 and Reading K-12	3/13/2014	3/12/2024
7019	INITIAL	Initial School Administrator K-12	3/14/2014	3/13/2017
7021	INITIAL	Initial School Counselor K-12	3/14/2014	3/13/2017
7022	REPLACEMENT	IE: Early Childhood Pre K-2 and Elementary K-5	3/21/2014	3/20/2015
7020	INITIAL	IE: Social Studies 6-12 and ESL K-12	3/14/2014	3/13/2017
7023	INITIAL	BE: Career & Technical Education	3/20/2014	3/19/2017
7024	RENEWAL	PE: Elementary K-5	8/15/2014	8/14/2019
7025	INITIAL	Professional School Counselor K-12	3/30/2014	3/29/2019
7026	INITIAL	IE: Elementary K-5	3/25/2014	3/24/2017
7027	RENEWAL	PE: Music K-12	3/26/2014	3/25/2019
7028	RENEWAL	ME: Reading K-12 and Social Studies 6-12 w/Prof. End. School Librarian	1/15/2009	1/14/2019
7029	INITIAL	IE: Math 6-12	3/27/2014	3/26/2017
7030	INITIAL	PE: Elementary K-5	5/31/2014	5/30/2019
7031	INITIAL	Initial School Administrator K-12	4/1/2014	3/31/2017
7032	RENEWAL	TEMP ED: K-12	10/19/2014	10/18/2016
7033	INITIAL	PE: Language Arts 6-12	4/6/2014	4/5/2019
7034	INITIAL	ME: Elementary K-5	8/15/2014	8/14/2024

42 U.S. Code § 5119a - Background checks

Current through Pub. L. 113-86, except 113-79. (See [Public Laws for the current Congress.](#))

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(a) In general

(1) A State may have in effect procedures (established by State statute or regulation) that require qualified entities designated by the State to contact an authorized agency of the State to request a nationwide background check for the purpose of determining whether a provider has been convicted of a crime that bears upon the provider's fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of **children**, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities.

(2) The authorized agency shall access and review State and Federal criminal history records through the national criminal history background check system and shall make reasonable efforts to respond to the inquiry within 15 business days.

(3) In the absence of State procedures referred to in paragraph (1), a qualified entity designated under paragraph (1) may contact an authorized agency of the State to request national criminal fingerprint background checks. Qualified entities requesting background checks under this paragraph shall comply with the guidelines set forth in subsection (b) of this section and with procedures for requesting national criminal fingerprint background checks, if any, established by the State.

(b) Guidelines

The procedures established under subsection (a) of this section shall require—

(1) that no qualified entity may request a background check of a provider under subsection (a) of this section unless the provider first provides a set of fingerprints and completes and signs a statement that—

- (A) contains the name, address, and date of birth appearing on a valid identification document (as defined in section 1028 of title 18) of the provider;
 - (B) the provider has not been convicted of a crime and, if the provider has been convicted of a crime, contains a description of the crime and the particulars of the conviction;
 - (C) notifies the provider that the entity may request a background check under subsection (a) of this section;
 - (D) notifies the provider of the provider's rights under paragraph (2); and
 - (E) notifies the provider that prior to the completion of the background check the qualified entity may choose to deny the provider unsupervised access to a person to whom the qualified entity provides care;
- (2) that each provider who is the subject of a background check is entitled—
- (A) to obtain a copy of any background check report; and
 - (B) to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in any such report and obtain a prompt determination as to the validity of such challenge before a final determination is made by the authorized agency;
- (3) that an authorized agency, upon receipt of a background check report lacking disposition data, shall conduct research in whatever State and local recordkeeping systems are available in order to obtain complete data;
- (4) that the authorized agency shall make a determination whether the provider has been convicted of, or is under pending indictment for, a crime that bears upon the provider's fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities and shall convey that determination to the qualified entity; and
- (5) that any background check under subsection (a) of this section and the results thereof shall be handled in accordance with the requirements of Public Law 92-544, except that this paragraph does not apply to any request by a qualified entity for a national

criminal fingerprint background check pursuant to subsection (a)(3) of this section.

(c) Regulations

(1) The Attorney General may by regulation prescribe such other measures as may be required to carry out the purposes of this subchapter, including measures relating to the security, confidentiality, accuracy, use, misuse, and dissemination of information, and audits and recordkeeping.

(2) The Attorney General shall, to the maximum extent possible, encourage the use of the best technology available in conducting background checks.

(d) Liability

A qualified entity shall not be liable in an action for damages solely for failure to conduct a criminal background check on a provider, nor shall a State or political subdivision thereof nor any agency, officer or employee thereof, be liable in an action for damages for the failure of a qualified entity (other than itself) to take action adverse to a provider who was the subject of a background check.

(e) Fees

In the case of a background check pursuant to a State requirement adopted after December 20, 1993, conducted with fingerprints on a person who volunteers with a qualified entity, the fees collected by authorized State agencies and the Federal Bureau of Investigation may not exceed eighteen dollars, respectively, or the actual cost, whichever is less, of the background check conducted with fingerprints. The States shall establish fee systems that insure that fees to non-profit entities for background checks do not discourage volunteers from participating in child care programs.

To: Guam Commission for Educator Certification

From: Subcommittee, Praxis

Subject: Report and Recommendations for Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test

The subcommittee met March 25, 2014 to discuss the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test, which will replace the ppst in September, 2014, and the passing scores to be recognized by the GCEC. Present were: Gayle Hendricks, Lisa Baza-Cruz, Roberta Abaday, John Sanchez, and Fran-Nicole Camacho.

After consideration and review, the Subcommittee is recommending:

1. The GCEC adopt the ETS recommended passing scores for the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test:

Reading – 156
Writing – 162
Mathematics – 150

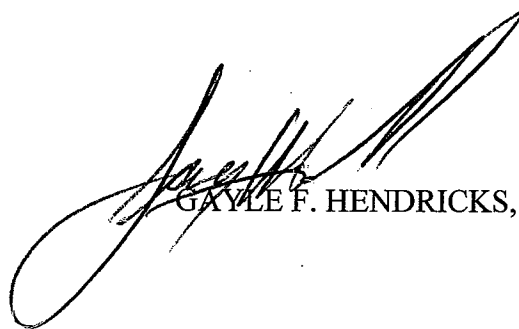
2. GCEC continue to recognize previous ppst scores as long as the scores have been sent to the GCEC prior to the implementation of the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test. If an individual has previously passed the ppst Math and Writing, but not reading, for example, GCEC will only require a passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test reading test.
3. GCEC will no longer recognize a composite score beginning in September 2014 with the implementation of the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test. All tests will have to have passing scores regardless of when the exam was taken if scores are being used from the ppst and the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test and the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test in total.
4. Encourage the University of Guam and Guam Community College to develop prep courses to assist individuals having difficult with the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test.

The above recommendations are based on the following:

- Panelists from 23 states, Washington, DC, and Guam represented their respective education agency on study panels for the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test. The Guam participants were Dr.s John Sanchez, Michelle Santos, and Mary Jane Miller from UOG's SOE and from GCC an instructor, Simone Bollinger. Also on the panels were representatives from Hawaii (3 participants) and Alaska (2 participants).

- Of the seventeen states and other US entities that have adopted cut scores all have adopted the ETS recommended scores listed above including Hawaii and Alaska. Of the seventeen, 12 participated on the panels.
- No one has gone lower than the ETS recommended scores
- The scores are based on answering 60% of the questions correctly.
- These scores indicate the lowest score an entry-level teacher should score.
- 70 to 80% of the test continues to be the same content areas. New areas include:
 - Reading
 - Understand figurative language and nuances in word meanings
 - Understand a range of words and phrases sufficient for reading at the college and career readiness level
 - Analyze content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words. Answer questions about texts that include visual representations.
 - Analyze how two or more text address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge and/or compare the approaches the authors take.
 - Writing
 - Produce an argumentative essay to support a claim using relevant and sufficient evidence
 - Test Production: Revision – Maintain consistency in style and tone
 - Research Skills
 - Mathematics
 - Modeling with geometry – apply geometric concepts in modeling situations
 - Making inferences and justifying conclusions – understanding and evaluate random processes underlying statistical experiments.
 - Using probability to make decisions – use probability to evaluate outcomes of decisions.

In conclusion, the Subcommittee feels it is in the best interest of education on Guam to join the other states and entities in setting the scores for the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test at the ETS recommended level.



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