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Basic Skills Testing Information (WEST-B)

WEST-B (Washington Educator Skills Test-Basic)

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The statewide uniform means of assessing the basic skills competency of reading, mathematics and writing of all teacher candidates and out-of-state applicants for a Washington residency certificate.

Test	Subtest	Number of Items	Passing Score	Test Fee
WEST-B http://www.west.nesinc.com	Reading	60 multiple choice	240	Registration fee is \$10. Each subtest fee is \$25.
	Mathematics	60 multiple choice	240	
	Writing	50 multiple choice & 2 prompts	240	

Additional score reports can be ordered up to 10 years after date of test taken.

WEST- B Extensions

WAC 181-01-001 WEST-B Extension. Candidates who are prepared and/or certified out-of-state applying for a Washington state residency teaching certificate under WAC 181-79A-257 (1)(b) or 181-79A-260 have up to one calendar year from issuance of temporary permit to pass the WEST-B basic skills test, provided that they have completed all other requirements for residency certification other than passage of the WEST-B and are thus eligible for a temporary permit under WAC 181-79A-128.

WEST- B Exemptions

WAC 181-01-002 WEST-B Exemptions. (1) Candidates who are prepared and/or certified out-of-state applying for a Washington state residency teaching certificate under WAC 181-79A-257 (1) (b) or WAC 181-79A-260, or out-of-state candidates applying to masters-degree level teacher preparation programs residing outside of the state of Washington at time of application, in lieu of passing the WEST-B, may provide official documentation of scores on the Praxis I of 177 for the reading subtest, 176 for the mathematics subtest and 174 for the writing subtest, or scores on the Praxis I CBT computer-administered test of 325 for the reading subtest, 321 for the mathematics subtest, and 321 for the writing subtest, or passing scores from California or Oregon on the CBEST.

(2) Candidates applying for a Washington state residency or professional teaching certification under WAC 181-79A-257 (1) (b) who hold a certificate through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards are exempt from the WEST-B requirement.

Test	Subtest	Test Codes	Passing Score	Test Fee
Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) http://www.ets.org/praxis	Reading	0710	177	Registration fee is \$50. Each subtest is \$40.
	Mathematics	0730	176	
	Writing	0720	174	
Praxis I: Computerized Pre-Professional Skills Test (CPPST) http://www.ets.org/praxis	Reading	5710	177	Registration fee is \$50. \$80-1 test \$120-2 tests \$160-3 tests \$130-Combined Test
	Mathematics	5730	176	
	Writing	5720	174	
Praxis I: Computerized Pre-Professional Skills Tests (CBT) http://www.ets.org/praxis	Reading	0711	325	Discontinued assessment: Additional score reports can be ordered up to 10 years after date of test taken.
	Mathematics	0731	321	
	Writing	0721	321	
California Basic Skills Test (CBEST) http://www.cbest.nesinc.com	Reading	N/A	37	\$41
	Mathematics	N/A	37	
	Writing	N/A	37	
	Composite	N/A	123	

WEST –B Appeals Process

WAC 181-01-004 Appeals process. The Washington professional educator standards board may permit exceptions from the assessment requirements under [RCW 28A.410.220](#) (1) and (2) on a case-by-case basis. Consistent with the discretion accorded to the professional educator standards board in [RCW 28A.410.220](#)(3), the exemptions and extensions provided for in [WAC 181-01-001](#), [181-01-002](#), [181-02-001](#) and [181-02-002](#), shall be the sole exceptions to the WEST-B and WEST-E assessment requirements.

Endorsement Testing Information (WEST-E/Praxis II)

WEST-E/PRACTIS II (Washington Educator Skills Test-Endorsements)

Educational Testing Service (ETS)

ETS-The Praxis Series

P. O. BOX 6051

Princeton, NJ 08541-6051

Washington toll free telephone: 800-721-6596

TTY: 609-771-7714

Website: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxwa.html>

- For email click on “Contact Us”
- OSPI/PESB Agency Recipient Code: 8430

The statewide uniform means of assessing the subject area content knowledge for most of Washington’s thirty-four endorsements.

WEST-E Extension

WAC 181-02-001 WEST-E Extension. Candidates who are prepared and/or certified out-of-state applying for a Washington state residency or professional teaching certificate based on WAC 181-79A-257 (1)(b) have up to one calendar year from issuance of the temporary permit to pass the WEST-E subject knowledge test, provided they are eligible for a temporary permit under WAC 181-79A-128.

WEST –E Exemption

WAC 181-02-002 WEST-E Exemption

Individuals who hold a certificate through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards are exempt from the WEST-E requirement if there is a direct equivalency between the endorsements sought and the national board certificate, as approved by the professional educator standards board and published by the superintendent of public instruction. The equivalent NBPTS and Washington endorsement table approved by the professional educator standards board may not be changed without prior professional educator standards board approval.

National Board Subject and Age Range	Exempt WEST-E Test(s)
Early Childhood Generalist (3-8)	Early Childhood Education
Middle Childhood Generalist (7-12)	Elementary Education
Art: Early and Middle Childhood (3-12)	Visual Arts
Art: Early Adolescence thru Young Adulthood (11-18+)	Visual Arts
English as a New Language: Early and Middle Childhood (3-12)	English Language Learners
English as a New Language: Early Adolescence thru Young Adulthood (11-18+)	English Language Learners
English Language Arts: Early Adolescence (11-15)	English Language Arts
English Language Arts: Adolescence & Young Adulthood (14-18+)	English Language Arts
Exceptional Needs Early Childhood thru Young Adulthood (3-18+)	Special Education

Library Media: Early Childhood thru Young Adulthood (3-18+)	Library Media
Mathematics: Early Adolescence (11-15)	Middle Level Mathematics
Mathematics: Adolescence & Young Adulthood (14-18+)	Mathematics
Science: Early Adolescence (11-15)	Middle Level Science
Science: Adolescence & Young Adulthood (14-18+)	Science
Social Studies & History: Early Adolescence (11-15)	Social Studies
Social Studies & History: Early Adolescence (11-15)	History
Social Studies & History: Adolescence & Young Adulthood (14-18+)	Social Studies
Social Studies & History: Adolescence & Young Adulthood (14-18+)	History
World Languages: Early Adolescence thru Young Adulthood (11-18+)	World Language
Literacy: Early and Middle Childhood (3-12)	Reading

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WEST –E Transition

New WEST-E: The Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) has initiated redevelopment of the tests that are needed for P-12 educator endorsements. The new tests will be known as the WEST-E (Washington Educator Skills Tests-Endorsements). Use of the Praxis II except for French, German and Spanish tests, are phased out as of 9/1/09; The Praxis II tests for French, German and Spanish will continued to be administered in Washington until 1/31/2010.

Use of the new WEST-E Phase I tests went into effect on **September 1, 2008** for the following endorsements Bilingual Education*, Biology, Chemistry, Choral Music, Dance, Deaf Education, Earth & Space Science, Elementary Education, English Language Arts, English Language Learners, General Music, Health/ Fitness, History, Instrumental Music, Mathematics, Middle Level Humanities, Middle Level Mathematics, Middle Level Science, Physics, Reading, Science, Social Studies, Theatre Arts, and Visual Arts.

The Phase II new WEST- E tests went into effect **September 1, 2009**, for the following endorsements: Agriculture Education, Business/ Marketing Education, Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Family and Consumer Science Education, Library Media, Special Education, Technology Education, Traffic Safety Education, and Latin. (The Designated World Language WEST-E must be passed in addition to the Latin WEST-E)

The new WEST-E test for Designated World Languages* will go into effect **January 1, 2010**.

Information about qualifying scores, frequently asked questions, test dates, testing centers in Washington and test registration for the WEST-E can be found at www.west.nesinc.com.

*See additional Bilingual Education and Designated World Languages assessment requirements for oral and written language proficiency in the target language of instruction on the following page.

Assessment Requirements for Oral & Written Language Proficiency in the Target Language of Instruction

Assessment Requirements: *Bilingual Education*

Program Start Date	Subject Knowledge Assessment	Language Proficiency Assessment	ACTFL Level	Valid Until
Prior to 9/1/08	Praxis II #0360 ESOL	State-approved teacher prep program certifies or ACTFL OPI	Intermediate High	8/31/09-Proficiency and program satisfied 12/31/09-Program recommendation to OSPI
As of 9/1/09	WEST-E for Bilingual Ed	State-approved teacher prep program certifies or ACTFL OPI	Intermediate High	9/1/09-Proficiency and program satisfied 12/31/09-Program recommendation to OSPI
As of 1/21/09	WEST-E for Bilingual Ed	ACTFL OPI (or OPIc) and WPT	Advanced Mid	Ongoing

Assessment Requirements for Out-of-State Applicants: *Bilingual Education*

Program Start Date	Subject Knowledge Assessment	Language Proficiency Assessment	ACTFL Level	Valid Until
Prior to 9/1/09	Praxis II #0360 ESOL or WEST-E for Bilingual Ed	State-approved teacher prep program certifies or ACTFL OPI	Intermediate High	9/1/09-Proficiency and program satisfied 12/31/09-Program recommendation to OSPI
As of 9/1/09	WEST-E for Bilingual Ed WAC 181-02-002 allows one calendar year from issuance of the temporary permit to pass the WEST-E	ACTFL OPI (or OPIc) and WPT	Advanced Mid	Ongoing

Notes:
 ACTFL OPI – Oral Proficiency Interview cost: \$134
 ACTFL OPIc – Oral Proficiency Interview computer-based cost: \$55
 ACTFL WPT – Writing Proficiency Test cost: \$65
 Available through www.languagetesting.com
 WEST-E – Washington Educator Standards Test - Endorsement
 Information about qualifying scores, frequently asked questions, test dates, testing centers in Washington and test registration for the WEST-E can be found at www.west.nesinc.com.

Assessment Requirements: *Designated World Language*

Program Start Date	Subject Knowledge Assessment	Language Proficiency Assessment	ACTFL Level	Valid Until
Prior to 1/1/10	(none)	Praxis II #0173 French; #0181 German #0191 Spanish For other languages: State-approved teacher prep program certifies or ACTFL OPI (except for Latin)	Intermediate High	9/1/10-Proficiency and program satisfied
As of 1/1/10	WEST-E for DWL	ACTFL OPI (or OPIc) and WPT For Latin: WEST-E Latin and DWL WEST-E	Advanced Low	Ongoing

Assessment Requirements for Out-of-State Applicants: *Designated World Language*

Program Start Date	Subject Knowledge Assessment	Language Proficiency Assessment	ACTFL Level	Valid Until
Prior to 9/1/10	(none)	Praxis II #0173 French; #0181 German #0191 Spanish For other languages: State-approved teacher prep program certifies or ACTFL OPI (except for Latin)	Intermediate High	9/1/10-Proficiency and program satisfied
As of 9/1/10	WEST-E for DWL WAC 181-02-002 allows one calendar year from issuance of the temporary permit to pass the WEST-E	ACTFL OPI (or OPIc) and WPT For Latin: WEST-E Latin and DWL WEST-E	Advanced Low	Ongoing

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WEST-E FOR WASHINGTON STATE					
Licensure Area	Session/ Test Code	Test Name	Range of Scores	Qualifying Score	Test Fee
Registration Fee: \$10.00					
Agricultural Education	037	Agriculture Education	100-300	TBD	\$120
Bilingual	050	Bilingual Education	100-300	240	\$120
	<p>In addition to the WEST-E listed above, oral and written language proficiency must be assessed and verified in the target language of instruction by passage of the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and the Writing Proficiency Test at the advanced-mid level. (See www.languageTesting.com).</p> <p>Note: See pages 6-7, “<i>Assessment Requirements for Oral & Written Language Proficiency in the Target Language of Instruction</i>” for implementation information.</p>				
Biology	022	Biology	100-300	240	\$120
Business/ Marketing Education	038	Business and Marketing Education	100-300	TBD	\$120
Chemistry	023	Chemistry	100-300	240	\$120
Dance	031	Dance	100-300	240	\$120
Deaf Education	072	Deaf Education	100-300	240	\$120
		<p>Note: Content Knowledge for Deaf Education may be assessed and verified through program completion, or by taking the WEST-E (#072).</p>			

WEST-E FOR WASHINGTON STATE					
Licensure Area	Session/ Test Code	Test Name	Range of Scores	Qualifying Score	Test Fee
Registration Fee: \$10.00					
Designated World Languages (all except Latin) To be implemented 1/1/2010	TBA	<p style="text-align: center;">To be implemented 1/1/2010</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Go to www.k12.wa.us/certification/approvedprograms/default.aspx for current list of languages offered.</p> <p>In addition to the WEST-E listed above, oral and written language proficiency must be assessed and verified in the target language of instruction by passage of the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and the Writing Proficiency Test at the advanced-low level.</p> <p>(See www.languageTesting.com). Note: See pages 6-7, “<i>Assessment Requirements for Oral & Written Language Proficiency in the Target Language of Instruction</i>” for implementation information.</p>			
Designated World Languages: Latin	101	Designated World Languages: Latin (Implemented 9/1/09) and Designated World Languages (To be implemented 1/1/2010)	100-300	TBD	\$120
Early Childhood Education	001	Early Childhood Education	100-300	TBD	\$120
Early Childhood Special Education	071	Early Childhood Special Education	100-300	TBD	\$120
Earth and Space Science	024	Earth and Space Science	100-300	240	\$120
Elementary Education (2 subtests required)	005	Elementary Education Subtest 1: Mathematics, Science, Health/Fitness	100-300	240	\$60
	006	Elementary Education Subtest 2: English Language Arts, Social Studies, The Arts	100-300	240	\$60

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Licensure Area	Session/ Test Code	Test Name	Range of Scores	Qualifying Score	Test Fee
Registration Fee: \$10.00					
English Language Arts	020	English Language Arts	100-300	240	\$120
English Language Learners	051	English Language Learners	100-300	240	\$120
Family and Consumer Sciences Education	041	Family and Consumer Sciences Education	100-300	TBD	\$120
Health/Fitness	029	Health/Fitness	100-300	240	\$120
History	027	History	100-300	240	\$120
Library Media	042	Library Media	100-300	TBD	\$120
Mathematics	026	Mathematics	100-300	240	\$120
Middle Level Humanities (2 subtests required)	010	Middle Level Humanities Subtest 1: English Language Arts	100-300	240	\$60
	011	Middle Level Humanities Subtest 2: Social Studies	100-300	240	\$60
Middle Level Mathematics	012	Middle Level Mathematics	100-300	240	\$120
Middle Level Science	013	Middle Level Science	100-300	240	\$120
Music: Choral	035	Music: Choral	100-300	240	\$120
Music: General	034	Music: General	100-300	240	\$120
Music: Instrumental	036	Music: Instrumental	100-300	240	\$120

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Licensure Area	Session/ Test Code	Test Name	Range of Scores	Qualifying Score	Test Fee
Registration Fee: \$10.00					
Physics	025	Physics	100-300	240	\$120
Reading	030	Reading	100-300	240	\$120
Science	021	Science	100-300	240	\$120
Social Studies	028	Social Studies	100-300	240	\$120
Special Education	070	Special Education	100-300	TBD	\$120
Technical Education	040	Technical Education	100-300	TBD	\$120
Theatre Arts	032	Theatre Arts	100-300	240	\$120
Traffic Safety Education	043	Traffic Safety Education	100-300	240	\$120
Visual Arts	033	Visual Arts	100-300	240	\$120

PRAXIS II SERIES TESTS FOR WASHINGTON STATE						
(Phased out 12/31/2009)						
Licensure Area	Session/ Test Code	Test Name	Range of Scores	Qualifying Score	Test Length (Hours)	Test Fee
One-Time Registration Fee: \$50.00						
Designated World Language: French	2/ 0173	French: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)	100-200	158	2	\$80
Designated World Language: German	2/ 0181	German: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)	100-200	160	2	\$80
Designated World Language: Spanish	1/ 0191	Spanish: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)	100-200	160	2	\$80

See Pages 6 and 7 for additional information.