

To: Educator Preparation Programs
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Re: Changes to the Elementary Education Multi-Content Assessment Cut Scores
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On April 12 the State Board of Education voted to lower the scores required for certification on the two subtests of the Elementary Education Multi-Content Assessment. The change will take place immediately and will apply, retroactively, to all (Elementary Education) tests taken since August 21, 2021.

Based upon this action, test takers who previously earned at or above the following scores will be eligible for certification once updated score reports are uploaded to the certification system after May 6 (see below):

- Elementary Education I (Test 73; Math and Science): **190**
- Elementary Education II (Test 74; ELA and Social Studies): **188**

The timeline for making the relevant changes will be:

- **May 6:** Candidates who took affected exams between August 21, 2021 and April 3, 2022 will receive updated score reports indicating their results based upon the new cut scores. DESE will receive a data file with the updated results on this day, also, and will upload those data to the certification system. Once the new scores have been uploaded—and only then—Certification personnel will begin processing certification applications for candidates whose eligibility status has changed. Educator Preparation Programs will also receive a data file with updated candidate results.
- **May 9:** Results Analyzer will be updated to reflect test results based upon the revised cut scores.
- **May 13:** Candidates who took one or more of these exams during the April 4, 2022-May 1, 2022 Testing Window will receive, from Pearson, official score reports based upon the revised cut scores. The DESE score report for this period will also reflect the new required passing scores. Prior to May 13, these candidates will receive a communication from Pearson that their unofficial results may not reflect their actual passing status and that they should wait for their official score report before taking further action.
- **May 30:** Preliminary (unofficial) score reports (distributed at testing centers immediately after the exam) will reflect the new cut scores. Until this point, candidates will continue to receive preliminary reports based upon the previous cut scores. Pearson will notify test takers that their passing status may change and that they should wait for their official score report before taking further action.

The certification process will function as normal. Candidates will apply through the Certification System. Once an EPP has validated that a candidate has met all certification requirements, the EPP should recommend the candidate for certification. No additional communication with Certification personnel is necessary.