



Louisiana Certification Exams and Required Scores

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[Reading Exams](#)

General Pedagogy Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Early Childhood	0621 or 5621	157	1/1/2012 - Current
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): K-6	0622 or 5622	160	
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): 5-9	0623 or 5623	160	
Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): 7-12	0624 or 5624	157	

Early Childhood and Elementary Certification Areas

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Beginning September 1, 2024, an applicant for **add-on certification** in the areas in this section are required to pass the BESE-approved Teaching of Reading (TOR): Elementary or Teaching of Reading/Language Arts: Elementary Subtest exam.

Teaching of Reading: Elementary Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates
Teaching of Reading: Elementary	5205	159	1/1/2023 - Current
Teaching of Reading/Language Arts Elementary Subtest	7002	138*	6/1/2024 - Current
*Required score 1/1/2027 - 12/31/2028		147**	
**Required score beginning 1/1/2029		153	

Birth to Kindergarten Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates	PLT Required	Reading
Early Childhood Education	5025	156	9/1/2015 - Current	Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Early Childhood (5621)	Required
-OR-					
Education of Young Children	5024	160			
-OR-					
Pre-Kindergarten	5531	155			
Early Childhood Content Knowledge	5022	160	Prior to 9/1/2015		
PreK-3rd Grade (Early Childhood) Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates	PLT Required	Reading
Elementary Multiple Subjects (consists of 4 subtests)***	5001	--	9/1/2015 - Current	Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Early Childhood (5621)	Required
Reading Language Arts	5002	157			
Mathematics	5003	157			
Social Studies	5004	155			
Science	5005	159			
-OR-					
Louisiana Elem Multiple Subjects (consists of 4 subtests)***	7001		6/1/2024 - Current		
Teaching of Reading/Language Arts	7002	138*			
<i>*Required score 1/1/2027 - 12/31/2028</i>		147**			
<i>**Required score beginning 1/1/2029</i>		153			
Mathematics	7003	157			
Social Studies	7004	155			
Science	7005	159			
***Subtests from 5001 and 7001 may be combined to meet content requirements. One subtest for each subject required.					
Elementary Education: Content Knowledge	5018	163	9/1/15 - 8/31/17		
Elementary Education: Content Knowledge	5014	150	Prior to 9/1/2015		
Elementary Grades 1-5 Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates	PLT Required	Reading
Elementary Multiple Subjects (consists of 4 subtests)***	5001	--	9/1/2015 - Current	Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): K-6 (5622)	Required
Reading Language Arts	5002	157			
Mathematics	5003	157			
Social Studies	5004	155			
Science	5005	159			
-OR-					
Louisiana Elem Multiple Subjects (consists of 4 subtests)**	7001		6/1/2024 - Current		
Teaching of Reading	7002	138*			
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Mathematics	7003	157			
Social Studies	7004	155			
Science	7005	159			
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Elementary Education: Content Knowledge	5018	163	9/1/15 - 8/31/17		
Elementary Education: Content Knowledge	5014	150	Prior to 9/1/2015		

Middle School Grades 4-8 Certification Areas

Mathematics 4-8 Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates	PLT Required	Reading
Middle School Mathematics	5164	157	9/1/2021 - Current	Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): 5-9 (5623)	Not Required
Middle School Mathematics	5169	165	1/1/14 - 8/31/22		
Middle School Mathematics	0069	148	Prior to 1/1/14		
Science 4-8 Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
Middle School Science	5442	152	4/1/2021 - Current		
Middle School Science	5440	150	6/8/14 - 3/31/22		
Middle School Science	0439	150	Prior to 6/8/14		
Social Studies 4-8 Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
Middle School Social Studies	0089 or 5089	149	To Current		
English/Language Arts 4-8 Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
Middle School English	5047	164	1/1/2014 - Current		
Middle School English/Language Arts	0049 or 5049	160	Prior to 1/1/14		

Grades 6-12 Core Certification Areas

Biology Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates	Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): 7-12 (5624)	Not Required
Biology: Content Knowledge	5236	154	9/1/2022 - Current		
Biology: Content Knowledge	0235 or 5235	150	9/1/12 - 8/31/23		
Chemistry Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
Chemistry: Content Knowledge	5246	146	9/1/2022 - Current		
Chemistry: Content Knowledge	0245 or 5245	151	9/1/12 - 8/31/23		
Earth Science or Environmental Science Content Exams					
At this time, a content area exam is not required for certification in Louisiana. For initial teacher certification, 30 semester hours in the content area is required in lieu of an exam.					
English Language, Literature, and Composition Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
English Language Arts: Content and Analysis	5039	168	1/1/14 - Current		
English Language, Lit, and Compositon: Content Knowledge	0041 or 5041	160	7/20/13 - 8/31/14		
English Language, Lit, and Composition: Content Knowledge -AND-	0041 or 5041	160	9/1/1999 - 7/20/13		
English Language, Literature, and Composition: Pedagogy	0043	130			
General Science Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
General Science: Content Knowledge	5436	141	9/1/22 - Current		
General Science: Content Knowledge	0435 or 5435	156	9/1/12 - 8/31/23		
Mathematics Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
Mathematics: Content Knowledge	5165	159	9/1/21 - Current		
Mathematics: Content Knowledge	5161	160	1/1/14 - 8/31/22		
Mathematics: Content Knowledge	0061 or 5061	135	6/1/10 - 12/31/13		
Physics Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
Physics: Content Knowledge	5266	145	9/1/22 - Current		
Physics: Content Knowledge	0265 or 5265	141	9/1/12 - 8/31/23		
Social Studies Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	0086 or 5086	153	1/1/20 - Current		
Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	0086 or 5086	160	1/2/12 to 12/31/19		

Grades 6-12 Core and All-Level (K-12) Foreign Language Certification Areas

American Sign Language Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates	World Languages Pedagogy (0841 or 5841) Score 158 Effective 7/1/13 - Current	Not Required
American Sign Language Proficiency Interview	ASLPI-0634	3+170	To Current		
Chinese Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
Chinese (Mandarin): World Language	5665	164	6/1/2013 - Current		
French Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
French: World Language	5174	157	10/1/10 - Current		
German Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
German: World Language	5183	157	10/1/10 - Current		
Latin Content Exams					
At this time, a content area exam is not adopted for certification in Louisiana. For initial teacher certification, 30 semester hours in the content area is required in lieu of an exam					
Spanish Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
Spanish: World Language	5195	157	10/1/10 - Current		

Grades 6-12 Non-Core Content Certification Areas

Agriculture Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates	PLT Required
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Specialty Content Add-on Certification Areas

Algebra Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates	PLT Required	Reading
Algebra I	5162	157	8/14/18 - Current	None	Not Required
Geometry Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
Geometry	5163	148	6/15/22 - Current	PLT K-6	Required
Computer Science and STEM K-5 Content Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
STEM for Elementary Grades	5036	154	1/1/2025 - Current		

All-Level K-12 Certification Areas

Art K-12	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates	PLT Required	Reading
Art: Content Knowledge	0134 or 5134	159	1/1/12 - Current	PLT K-6	Not Required
Dance K-12 Or Theater K-12					
No exam available. Thirty semester hours in the content area is required in lieu of an exam.					
Health and Physical Educaion K-12	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates	PLT 5-9	
Health and Physical Education	5857	160	6/8/14 - Current		
Physical Education: Content Knowledge	0091 or 5091	146	Prior to 6/8/14	-OR-	
Music K-12	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates	PLT 6-12	
Music: Content Knowledge	0113 or 5113	151	7/1/03 - Current		

Special Education Certification Areas

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All candidates must pass a content area exam appropriate to the certification grade level.

For middle (4-8) or secondary grades (6-12), a core subject-specific exam is required.

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Early Interventionist - Birth to Age 5	PLT Exam	SPED Pedagogy Exam	Reading
See PreK-3rd Grade (Early Childhood) Content Exams	PLT Early Childhood	Early Interventionist	Required
Mild/Moderate 1-5 Content Exams	PLT Exam	SPED Pedagogy Exam	
See Elementary Grades 1-5 Content	PLT K-6	Mild/Moderate	
Mild/Moderate 4-8 Content Exams	PLT Exam		
See Middle School Grades 4-8 Certification Areas	PLT 5-9		
Mild/Moderate 6-12 Content Exams	PLT Exam		
See Grades 6-12 Core Certification Areas	PLT 7-12		
-OR-			
See Grades 6-12 Core Foreign Language Certification Areas			
Significant Disabilities Content Exams	PLT Exam	SPED Pedagogy Exam	
See Elementary Grades 1-5 Content	None required.	Significant Disabilities	

Early Interventionist Pedagogy Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates
Special Education: Early Childhood/Early Intervention	5692	159	9/1/2022 - Current
Special Education: Early Childhood	0691 or 5691	159	1/1/14 - 8/31/23
Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications	0354 or 5354	145	1/1/12 - 12/31/13
Mild/Moderate Pedagogy Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates
Special Education: Foundational Knowledge	5355	145	9/1/2023 - Current
Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications	5543	153	9/1/11 - 8/31/24
Significant Disabilities Pedagogy Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates
Special Education: Severe to Profound	5547	156	9/1/2023 - Current
Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications	0545 or 5545	153	9/1/11 - 8/31/24

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Pedagogy Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates	Content Required	Reading
Special Education: Foundational Knowledge -AND- Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students	5355 0272 or 5272	145 160	9/1/2023 - Current	See Elementary Grades 1-5 Content	Required
Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications -AND- Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students	0354 or 5354 0272 or 5272	145 160	1/1/14 - 8/31/24		
Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications -AND- Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students	0354 or 5354 0271	145 160	1/1/11 - 12/31/13		
Visual Impairments/Blind Pedagogy Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates		
Special Education: Foundational Knowledge -AND- Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments	5355 0282 or 5282	145 163	9/1/2023 - Current		
Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications -AND- Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments	0354 or 5354 0282 or 5282	145 163	1/1/14 - 8/31/24		
Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications	0354 or 5354	145	Prior to 1/1/14		

Administrative and Instructional Support Areas

Educational Leader Level 1 Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates
School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)	6990	151	9/1/2019 - Current
Louisiana Leadership Assessment Series (LLAS)	'demonstrated' for at least 9 assessments within the series		4/1/2020 - Current
School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)	6011	166	9/1/09 - 7/31/20
Educational Leader Level 3 Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates
School Superintendent Assessment (SSA)	6991	162	9/1/2019 - Current
School Superintendent Assessment (SSA)	6021	160	1/1/13 - 7/31/20
School Counselor Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates
School Counselor	5422	159	9/1/2022 - Current
Professional School Counselor	0421 or 5421	156	7/1/15 - 8/31/23
Librarian Exams	Exam Number	Score	Effective Dates
School Librarian	5312	154	9/1/2022 - Current
Library Media Specialist	0311 or 5311	136	9/1/12 - 8/31/23

Reading Exams

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Teaching of Reading: K-12 Exam	0206 or 5206	156	9/1/2019 - Current
Teaching of Reading Exam	0204 or 5204	157	9/1/11 - 7/31/20

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