



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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Basic Skills Alternate Measure for CTE Certification

In 2022, Governor Murphy signed into law [P.L.2021, c.420](#), which states that, beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the New Jersey State Board of Education would not require a candidate for a certificate of eligibility (CE) or a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing (CEAS) in a career and technical education (CTE) endorsement area to complete a Commissioner-approved test of basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills to obtain a standard CTE certificate, including, but not limited to, the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators test (Praxis Core). Instead, a candidate is able to demonstrate proficiency in the use of English language and mathematics through an alternate measure.

The New Jersey Department of Education (Department) has proposed regulations to implement P.L.2021, c.420, which are anticipated at adopted level in the spring of 2023. This will allow provisional CTE educators, who have met all other certification requirements, that have not taken and passed the Praxis Core, an alternate pathway to standard certification. The “alternate measure” means any demonstration of basic skills proficiency, other than an assessment, that is approved by the Department, including, but not limited to:

- A portfolio of work products as approved by the superintendent of a candidate’s employing school district;
- Obtainment of an occupational license/industry certificate; or
- An industry certificate or registration.

Guidance for Provisional CTE Teachers

Provisional CTE teachers that have not yet met the basic skills requirement, are not required to take the Praxis Core to obtain standard certification. Upon the adoption of regulations to implement the alternate measure, provisional CTE teachers seeking a standard certificate may submit an occupational license/industry certificate, or successfully complete the educator preparation program (EPP) portfolio process in lieu of successful completion of the Praxis Core.

Provisional CTE teachers must submit a copy of their occupational license/industry certificate to their employing school district for verification. EPPs will confirm completion of the portfolio when submitting the verification of program completion form to the Department. All documentation for standard certification must be submitted to the Department prior to the July 31st provisional license expiration date.

Guidance for Districts

When initiating the conversion to standard certification process through NJEdCert for provisional CTE teachers, districts should confirm with provisional CTE teachers or EPPs that the basic skills alternate measure has been met through the traditional or alternate pathways described above.

Contact information

CTE EPPs are in the process of designing the portfolio process and will work directly with enrolled candidates to complete this alternate option.

For questions regarding the CTE basic skills alternate measure, contact the Office of Recruitment, Preparation and Certification at (609) 292-2070 or via email at altroute@doe.nj.gov.

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