Adopt Board Resolution to Update Certification Assessments

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Context: Adopting Board Resolution to Update Certification Assessments

- For entrance into teaching or school leadership positions, candidates must take and pass certain assessments. (*N.J.A.C.* 6A:9B)
- The State Board, through adopted board resolutions, updates these assessments as well as the minimum score required to qualify for entry into the profession.



Purpose: Adopting Board Resolution to Update Certification Assessments

- The State Board to adopt updated versions of four of the certification assessments through a board resolution so candidates may take the updated versions to meet their certification assessment requirement.
- The State Board, through a board resolution to adopt revised scores an individual must achieve to be eligible for certification.



Why These Certification Tests Were Updated

Test	Who Takes the Test	Why the Test Was Revised
School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)	Candidates seeking principal certification Revised to reflect the 2015 Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL),	
School Superintendent Assessment (SAA)	Candidates seeking school administrator certification	which were later adopted by the State Board
Praxis Teaching Reading K-12	Candidates seeking teacher certification in reading (referred to as an "endorsement" in New Jersey)	Redesigned to align to the 2017 International Literacy Association standards



Why These Certification Tests Were Updated Continued

Test	Who Takes the Test	Why the Test Was Revised
Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Mathematics	Candidates seeking an initial Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS), or Certificate of Eligibility (CE)	 Redesigned in response to a candidate and preparation program recommendations. Now focuses more on mathematical skills and data interpretation necessary for success for novice teachers entering the educator preparation programs (EPPs).

Note: The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) has approved the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators tests as a measure of academic expertise for teacher candidates.

