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## **Legislative, Policy, and Workforce Support Monthly Call**

January 11, 2020

# Agenda

## **I. Certification**

## **II. Important Reminders/Call Summary**

Suggested participants for this call:

- Human Resources Directors
- Teacher Certification Personnel

# Certification



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# Praxis Core Exam

- Previous policy did not permit the use of PRAXIS Core: 5712, 5722, and/or 5732 if the tests were taken after July 31, 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, numerous educators registered for those exams prior to the July 31, 2020, phase out date, but were unable to schedule the exam until after July 31, 2020.
- In December, BESE approved (via emergency rule) to extend the effective date of the PRAXIS Core Academic Skills for Educators: 5712, 5722, and 5732 exams to December 31, 2020.
- This revision allows for the consideration of the **PRAXIS Core: 5712, 5722, and/or 5732** for those educators who registered for and achieved a passing score by **December 31, 2020**.



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# Certification Reminder

**Undergraduate programs:** After July 1, 2018, candidates must hold a valid **resident teacher** certificate in order to be placed in a one-year residency.

**Post-baccalaureate & certification only programs:** Candidates in a practitioner teacher program shall complete a residency as a teacher of record . Candidates must hold a valid **practitioner teacher** license.

Post-bacc candidates may complete a one-year residency if placed with a teacher who holds a valid teaching certificate in the area of certification. In this instance, the candidate must hold a resident certificate.





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# ACT Score Report Reminder

Bulletin 746 allows for the waiver of Praxis I with an ACT **composite** score of 22 and an SAT **combined** score of 1100.

ACT/SAT superscores **cannot** be used. Therefore, any ACT/SAT scores provided to the certification office must be on an **official ACT/SAT score report, official transcripts, or official university letterhead.**

If provided on transcripts or university letterhead, **each subtest score** must be provided, in addition to the **composite score.**



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# Certification Applications

In recent calls, notification of new certification applications were provided. Revision dates have been included both in the applications and on the website to assist you in determining if you have the latest application.

A transitional period, allowing the use of either application has been in place. As of **January 1, 2021**, the new applications are **required** to be used for the following applications:

- Ancillary application
- Nonpublic Higher application

Please download and submit the current version of these applications from [teachlouisiana.net](https://teachlouisiana.net).



# Teacher Certification Appeals Council

The Teacher Certification Appeals Council (TCAC) provides individuals who believe they have legitimate grounds for an appeal an opportunity to have their records reviewed.

The next opportunity to appeal will be in **2021**. The **2021 TCAC** meeting dates are:

- **Thursday, February 25--deadline to have appeals in is January 25**
- **Thursday, June 10**
- **Thursday, August 26**
- **Thursday, November 4**

The [appeals application](#) has been updated to reflect the new dates.



# Important Reminders/Call Summary

# ESEA Consolidated State Plan Addendum

In October 2020, the United States Department of Education (ED) released a Template for Addendum to the ESEA Consolidated State Plan due to the COVID-19 National Emergency under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act.

- The template allows state education agencies to amend certain sections of their State Plans relative to the 2020-2021 school year that may be impacted as a result of COVID-19.
- The template addresses State Plan topics such as school accountability; timelines for identification of schools requiring comprehensive and/or urgent intervention; and timelines for meeting measurements of interim progress (MIPs) and long-term goals due to COVID-19.
- All addendum requests must be submitted by February 1.

Louisiana has opted to pursue this opportunity to amend its State Plan.

Relevant personnel should review this [addendum request](#) and submit questions or comments to Kathy Noel, Director of Accountability, at 225-342-3629 , the Department’s toll-free number at 877-453-2721, or via email at [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) by **January 22**.

Please contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions.

# Call Summary

## Key Dates:

- **January 19: BESE Committee and Full Board meetings**
- **January 25: Certification Appeals deadline for February Appeals Meeting**

## Supports and Resources:

- [2020-2021 School System Support Calendar](#)
- [Educator Resource Guide](#)
- [School System Planning Resources](#)
- [Family Support Toolbox Library](#)
- [Certification Bulletin, Bulletin 746](#)
- [Online Teacher Certification Portal, Teach LA Live!](#)