



Test Change Notification: Reading Specialist Credentialing

August 2, 2021

Background

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is offering this guidance document to notify applicants of changes to required exams needed to obtain a DC educator credential(s).

Scope

This document contains guidance to individuals seeking issuance of an educator credential that authorizes the holder to provide instructional and/or pupil support services as reading specialist in pre-K through grade 12.

Date Issued

This guidance was issued on August 2, 2021.

Guidance

This notification is to inform applicants that the currently required subject content exam required to earn an OSSE Reading Specialist Credential is being discontinued by the test provider agency (i.e., Educational Testing Service [ETS]). Consequently, a new test has been adopted to replace the discontinued exam.

The corresponding test changes are as follows:

Reading Specialist

Name/code of the old test being discontinued	Reading Specialist (5301)
Required passing score for the old test	164
What is the last test date for the old test	Aug. 31, 2021
Name/code of the NEW test	Reading Specialist (5302)
Required passing score for the new test	165
What date will the new test be required	Sept. 1, 2021

Acceptance of Passing Scores

OSSE has an established passing score(s) recognition schedule for certification exam/tests that have been changed. Test scores for exams previously taken and passed shall be accepted for a period not to exceed three years after the date the previous exam has been discontinued. During this three-year period, applicants shall be permitted to present passing scores for either the discontinued Reading Specialist Exam (5301), or for the new Reading Specialist Exam (5302) to meet the testing provisions of OSSE's educator credential requirements.

The recognition schedule for the discontinued test is as follows:

Test Name	Test Code	Passing Score	Date Dropped	Last Date Accepted
Reading Specialist	5301	164	Aug. 31, 2021	Aug. 31, 2024

Applicants who have not previously passed the discontinued Reading Specialist exam (5301) prior to Aug. 31, 2021 shall only be able to register for and take the new Reading Specialist exam (5302) as of Sept. 1, 2021.

Questions

If you have questions relating to this notification, contact Tony Graham at anthonys.graham@dc.gov.