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## **ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR VIRGINIA LICENSURE**

To review the requirements for licensure, please refer to the [Licensure Regulations for School Personnel](#). Please read the information carefully to determine the assessment(s) you may need for an initial Virginia license, an endorsement in Mathematics – Algebra I, an endorsement as a Reading Specialist, or the Administration and Supervision endorsement.

### **Introduction**

Pursuant to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*, all candidates who hold at least a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and who seek an initial Virginia teaching license must obtain passing scores on professional teacher's assessments prescribed by the Board of Education [Refer to “Reciprocity – Individuals Who Hold Active Out-of-State Licenses with Full Credentials and Without Deficiencies,” page 1]. With the exception of the career switcher program and the experiential learning alternate route that requires assessments as prerequisites, individuals must complete the professional teacher’s assessments within the three-year validity of the initial provisional license. Candidates seeking a Technical Professional License, International Educator License, School Manager License, or the Pupil Personnel Services License are not required to take the professional teacher's assessments.

The Virginia Board of Education also has approved assessments for individuals seeking the Mathematics – Algebra I (add-on) endorsement, the Reading Specialist endorsement and the Administration and Supervision preK-12 endorsement.

An individual who holds an active teaching license may add an additional teaching endorsement to the license by passing a rigorous academic subject test prescribed by the Board of Education. This testing option does not apply to individuals who are seeking an Early/Primary preK-3 or Elementary Education preK-6 endorsement or who hold a Technical Professional License, Vocational Evaluator License, Pupil Personnel Services License, School Manager License, International Educator License, or Division Superintendent License. Individuals may not add an endorsement in special education through testing. Also, endorsements in Administration and Supervision preK-12 and Reading Specialist cannot be added by testing. If the individual holds a provisional license, the Praxis Subject Assessment for his or her original endorsement must be completed before additional endorsements can be added through testing; however, please note that only endorsements in special education are allowed on a provisional special education license.

Please review the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* that further detail assessment requirements.

### **Reciprocity [Individuals Who Hold Active Out-of-State Licenses with Full Credentials and Without Deficiencies]**

Licensure by reciprocity is provided for individuals who have obtained a valid out-of-state license, with full credentials and without deficiencies, that is in force at the time the application for a Virginia license is received by the Department of Education. No service requirements or licensing assessments (Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment-VCLA, Praxis Subject Assessments, and Reading for Virginia Educators-RVE) shall be required for any such individual.

[Please note that the current out-of-state license (full credential and without deficiencies) must be submitted with the [application for the license](#).]

## **Assessments Required for Initial Licensure**

The prescribed tests for Virginia for initial licensure are as follows:

### **ACADEMIC SKILLS ASSESSMENT**

**Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment-VCLA**

### **CONTENT ASSESSMENT**

**Praxis Subject Assessments** (if applicable) – Refer to Praxis Subject Assessments

### **READING ASSESSMENT** [Required for the specific endorsement areas listed below.]

**Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Elementary and Special Education (5306)** – A reading assessment [Reading for Virginia Educators: Elementary and Special Education-RVE is required for individuals seeking initial licensure in any of the following endorsements (teaching areas): Early/Primary Education preK-3, Elementary Education preK-6, Special Education-General Curriculum, Special Education Hearing Impairments, and Special Education Visual Impairments. [This assessment also may apply to those individuals with endorsements in Special Education-Emotional Disturbances, Special Education-Specific Learning Disabilities, and Special Education-Intellectual Disabilities who were advised under previous regulations to meet this assessment requirement for full licensure.]

## **Assessment Required for Individuals Seeking a Reading Specialist Endorsement**

**Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Reading Specialist (5304)**

## **Assessment Required for Individuals Seeking an Initial License with a Special Education Visual Impairments Endorsement**

**Braille Proficiency Test (0633)**

## **Assessment Required for Individuals Seeking an Administration and Supervision Endorsement**

**School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) (6011); OR**

**School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) (6990)**

(For the period of September 1, 2018 to January 1, 2020, individuals may take either the SLLA (6011) or SLLA (6990). Effective January 1, 2020, the SLLA (6990) is required for individuals seeking an Administration and Supervision preK-12 endorsement.)

[Score reports for individuals who took the SLLA (6011) prior to 1/1/2020, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]

## **ASSESSMENTS**

### **VIRGINIA COMMUNICATION AND LITERACY ASSESSMENT**

The Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) became effective January 1, 2006, for individuals seeking an initial Virginia license [Refer to “Reciprocity – Individuals Who Hold Active Out-of-State Licenses with Full Credentials and Without Deficiencies,” page 1]. For more information about the test content, test dates, costs, accommodations for individuals with disabilities, and registration, refer to the [VCLA website](#), or contact Evaluation Systems Pearson, P. O. Box 660, Amherst, MA 01004-9015; Telephone: (866) 613-3292 or (413) 256-2888; Teletypewriter (TTY): (413) 256-8032.

**PASSING SCORES: EFFECTIVE MARCH 22, 2006 to DECEMBER 31, 2013**

On March 22, 2006, the Virginia Board of Education approved passing scores for the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA). The scaled passing scores are 235 for the reading subtest, a score of 235 for the writing subtest, **or** a composite score of 470 for the assessment.

Writing Sub Test:	235
Reading Sub Test:	235
<b>Composite Score:</b>	<b>470</b>

## PASSING SCORES: EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

On June 27, 2013, the Virginia Board of Education approved new VCLA passing raw scores for the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA). Even though the scaled passing score remains the same, the score scale has been adjusted to apply the Board approved passing raw scores. As a result, the scaled passing scores are 235 for the reading subtest, a score of 235 for the writing subtest, or a composite score of 470 for the assessment.

Writing Sub Test:	235
Reading Sub Test:	235
<b>Composite Score:</b>	<b>470</b>

Score reports for individuals who took the VCLA prior to January 1, 2014, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.

## PRAXIS SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS

*Please note the column that identifies the “CURRENT VIRGINIA APPROVED TESTS.”*

The following initial licensure tests are prescribed by the Board of Education (Refer to “Reciprocity – Individuals Who Hold Active Out-of-State Licenses with Full Credentials and Without Deficiencies,” page 1). Individuals are required to satisfy the Subject Area test(s) requirement for only one endorsement area, but it must match an endorsement area in which the initial licensure is granted. For information regarding registration, test administration, fees, the policy for testing individuals with disabilities, etc., please refer to the [ETS website](#), or contact the Educational Testing Service (ETS) at 1-800-772-9476 or 609-771-7395 for THE PRAXIS SERIES Registration Bulletin or write to THE PRAXIS SERIES, ETS, P. O. Box 6051, Princeton, NJ 08541-6051. Hearing impaired individuals using a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may call 1-800-275-1391 for information.

SUBJECT AREA TEST	CURRENT VIRGINIA APPROVED TESTS (MARKED WITH X)	TEST CODE Praxis test codes beginning with a “5” are computer-based tests.	PASSING SCORE	ENDORSEMENT AREA
<b>ART (Visual Arts):</b>				
Art: Content Knowledge (taken before 9/1/2011)		(0133) <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	159	Visual Arts
Art: Content Knowledge (taken between 9/1/2011 and 6/7/2014)		(0134) paper <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	158	Visual Arts
<b>Art: Content Knowledge</b> (taken after 9/1/2011)	<b>X</b>	(5134) computer	158	Visual Arts
<b>BIOLOGY:</b>				
Biology: Content Knowledge (taken before 6/7/2014)		(0235) paper <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	155	Biology
<b>Biology: Content Knowledge</b>	<b>X</b>	(5235) computer	155	Biology
<b>BRAILLE (Special Education Visual Impairments):</b> A Braille assessment is required for initial licensure but <u>CANNOT</u> be used to add the Special Education Visual Impairments preK-12 endorsement by testing.				
Braille Proficiency (effective 7/1/2011 through 6/30/2016) (This test became effective 7/1/2011, except for teachers completing the approved Virginia Visual Impairments Consortium Program who were required to meet this requirement effective 7/1/2012 through June 30, 2016.)		(0631) paper <b>Not current test in Virginia</b>	168	Special Education-Visual Impairments preK-12
<b>Braille Proficiency</b> (effective July 1, 2016)	<b>X</b>	(0633)	157	Special Education-Visual Impairments preK-12
<b>BUSINESS (Business and Information Technology):</b>				
Business Education: Content Knowledge (taken before 9/1/2010)		(0100) <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	590	Business and Information Technology

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Business Education: Content Knowledge (taken after 9/1/2010 through 6/7/2014)		(0101) paper <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	157	Business and Information Technology
<b>Business Education: Content Knowledge</b> (taken after 9/1/2010)	X	(5101) computer	157	Business and Information Technology
<b>CHEMISTRY:</b>				
Chemistry: Content Knowledge (taken before 6/7/2014)		(0245) paper <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	153	Chemistry
<b>Chemistry: Content Knowledge</b>	X	(5245) computer	153	Chemistry
<b>COMPUTER SCIENCE:</b>				
Computer Science (required September 1, 2018, except for individuals applying for initial licensure through Virginia approved programs who will become subject to the requirement January 1, 2020)	X	(5652) computer	142	Computer Science
<b>EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES:</b>				
Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (taken before 6/7/2014)		(0571) paper <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	156	Earth Science
<b>Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge</b>	X	(5571) computer	156	Earth Science
<b>ELEMENTARY EDUCATION:</b>				
Elementary Subject Tests are required for initial licensure but <b>CANNOT</b> be used to add an Early/Primary preK-3 or Elementary Education preK-6 endorsement by testing.				
Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (taken before 7/1/2014) [Score reports for individuals who took the Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (0014/5014) prior to 7/1/2014, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]		(0014) paper <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	143	Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (taken before 7/1/2014) [Score reports for individuals who took the Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (0014/5014) prior to 7/1/2014, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]		(5014) computer <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	143	Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031): <b>This test was required in Virginia 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015.</b> A passing score on each subtest was required. [Score reports for individuals who took the Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) prior to 7/1/2015, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]				Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Subtest (5032): Reading and Language Arts (required 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015)		(5032) computer <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	165	Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Subtest (5033): Mathematics (required 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015)		(5033) computer <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	164	Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Subtest (5034): Social Studies (required 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015)		(5034) computer <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	155	Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Subtest (5035): Science (required 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015)		(5035) computer <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	159	Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
<b>Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001):</b> X <b>This test is required in Virginia on and after 7/1/2015. A passing score on <u>each</u> subtest is required.</b> If a passing score is not obtained on each subtest, a subtest may be retaken as a stand-alone test.				Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6

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<b>Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5002): Reading and Language Arts</b> (required 7/1/2015)	X	(5002) computer	157	Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
<b>Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5003): Mathematics</b> (required 7/1/2015)	X	(5003) computer	157	Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
<b>Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5004): Social Studies</b> (required 7/1/2015)	X	(5004) computer	155	Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
<b>Elementary Education Multiple Subjects (5005): Science</b> (required 7/1/2015)	X	(5005) computer	159	Early/Primary Education preK-3; Elementary Education preK-6
<b>ENGLISH:</b>				
English Language, Literature and Composition: Content Knowledge (taken before 1/1/2014)		(0041) paper <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	172	English
English Language, Literature and Composition: Content Knowledge (taken before 1/1/2014)		(5041) computer <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	172	English
<b>English Language Arts: Content Knowledge</b> (taken after 1/1/2014)	X	(5038) computer	167	English
<b>ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE:</b>				
<b>English to Speakers of Other Languages Test</b> (required July 1, 2016, except for individuals applying for licensure through Virginia approved programs who will become subject to the requirement September 1, 2017)	X	(5362)	149	English as a Second Language preK-12
<b>FRENCH:</b>				
French: Content Knowledge (taken before 9/1/2010)		(0173) <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	169	French
<b>French: World Language</b> (taken after 9/1/2010)	X	(5174) computer	163	French
<b>GERMAN:</b>				
German: Content Knowledge (taken before 9/1/2010)		(0181) <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	162	German
<b>German: World Language</b> (taken after 9/1/2010)	X	(5183) computer	163	German
<b>FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES:</b>				
Family and Consumer Sciences (taken before 9/1/2008)		(0120) <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	550	Family and Consumer Sciences
Family and Consumer Sciences (taken between 9/1/2008 and 6/7/2014) [Score reports for individuals who took the Family and Consumer Sciences (0121/5121) prior to 7/1/2015, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]		(0121) paper <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	150	Family and Consumer Sciences
Family and Consumer Sciences (taken between 9/1/2008 and 6/30/2015) [Score reports for individuals who took the Family and Consumer Sciences (0121/5121) prior to 7/1/2015, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]		(5121) computer <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	150	Family and Consumer Sciences
<b>Family and Consumer Sciences</b> (required 7/1/2015)	X	(5122) computer	153	Family and Consumer Sciences

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<b>HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:</b>				
Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge ( <b>discontinued on 6/7/2014</b> ) [Score reports for individuals who took the Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (0856/5856) prior to 7/1/2015, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]		(0856) paper <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	151	Health and Physical Education preK-12
Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge ( <b>discontinued on 6/30/2015</b> ) [Score reports for individuals who took the Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (0856/5856) prior to 7/1/2015, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]		(5856) computer <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	151	Health and Physical Education preK-12
<b>Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge</b> (required effective 7/1/2015)	X	(5857) computer	160	Health and Physical Education preK-12
<b>MARKETING EDUCATION:</b>				
Marketing Education (taken before 9/1/2008)		(0560) <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	570	Marketing Education
Marketing Education (taken between 9/1/2008 and 10/5/2014)		(0561) <b>not current test in Virginia</b> The paper-delivered version was available until June 7, 2014. An accommodation may have been made by ETS for individuals who needed to take this assessment between June 8, 2014, and October 5, 2014.	147	Marketing Education
<b>Marketing Education</b> (taken after 10/6/2014)	X	(5561) computer	147	Marketing Education
<b>MATHEMATICS:</b>				
Mathematics: Content Knowledge (taken before 1/1/2014)		(0061) paper <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	147	Mathematics
Mathematics: Content Knowledge (taken before 1/1/2014)		(5061) computer <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	147	Mathematics
<b>Mathematics: Content Knowledge</b> (taken after 1/1/2014)	X	(5161) computer	160	Mathematics
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL-ENGLISH:</b>				
Middle School English/Language Arts (taken before 1/1/2014)		(0049) paper <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	164	Middle Education English
Middle School English/Language Arts (taken before 1/1/2014)		(5049) computer <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	164	Middle Education English
<b>Middle School English/Language Arts</b> (taken after 1/1/2014)	X	(5047) computer	164	Middle Education English
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL-MATHEMATICS:</b>				
Middle School Mathematics (taken before 1/1/2014)		(0069) paper <b>not current test in Virginia</b>	163	Middle Education Mathematics
<b>Middle School Mathematics</b> (taken after 1/1/2014)	X	(5169) computer	165	Middle Education Mathematics

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<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL-SCIENCE:</b>				
Middle School Science (taken prior to 7/1/2015) [Score reports for individuals who took the Middle School Science (0439) prior to 7/1/2015, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]		(0439) paper not current test in Virginia	162	Middle Education Science
Middle School Science (taken prior to 03/18/21) [Score reports for individuals who took the Middle School Science (5440) prior to 03/18/21, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]		(5440) computer	150	Middle Education Science
Middle School Science (required effective 03/18/21)	X	(5442) computer	147	Middle Education Science
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL-SOCIAL STUDIES:</b>				
Middle School Social Studies (taken prior to 6/7/2014)		(0089) paper not current test in Virginia	160	Middle Education History and Social Sciences
Middle School Social Studies	X	(5089) computer	160	Middle Education History and Social Sciences
<b>MUSIC (Music-Vocal Choral or Music-Instrumental):</b>				
Music: Content Knowledge		(0113) paper not current test in Virginia	160	Music-Vocal/Choral or Music-Instrumental
Music: Content Knowledge	X	(5113) computer	160	Music-Vocal/Choral or Music-Instrumental
<b>PHYSICS:</b>				
Physics: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 6/7/2014)		(0265) paper not current test in Virginia	147	Physics
Physics: Content Knowledge	X	(5265) computer	147	Physics
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES (History and Social Sciences):</b>				
Social Studies: Content Knowledge (taken prior to 6/7/2014)		(0081) paper not current test in Virginia	161	History and Social Science
Social Studies: Content Knowledge	X	(5081) computer	161	History and Social Science
<b>SPANISH:</b>				
Spanish: Content Knowledge (taken before 9/1/2010)		(0191) not current test in Virginia	161	Spanish
Spanish: World Language (taken after 9/1/2010)	X	(5195) computer	168	Spanish
<b>TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION:</b>				
Technology Education (taken before 9/1/2011)		(0050) not current test in Virginia	610	Technology Education
Technology Education (taken between 9/1/2011 and 6/7/2014)		(0051) paper not current test in Virginia	162	Technology Education
Technology Education (taken after 7/1/2014)	X	(5051) computer	162	Technology Education



### ADD-ON SUBJECT AREA TEST

ADD-ON SUBJECT AREA TEST	CURRENT VIRGINIA APPROVED TESTS (MARKED WITH X)	TEST CODE Praxis test codes beginning with a "5" are computer-based tests.	PASSING SCORE	ENDORSEMENT AREA
<b>ALGEBRA I:</b> The Algebra I test is an option to add the Mathematics – Algebra I (add-on) endorsement to a <u>teaching</u> license. This test <u>CANNOT</u> be used as an assessment for initial licensure.				
<b>Algebra I</b> (effective February 23, 2017) The Algebra I test is an option to add the Mathematics – Algebra I (add-on) endorsement to a teaching license. This test cannot be used as an assessment for initial licensure; the test may only be used to add the Mathematics – Algebra I (add-on) endorsement for individuals who hold an active (1) Collegiate Professional or Postgraduate Professional License or (2) Provisional License leading to a Collegiate Professional or Postgraduate Professional License if the testing requirement for the initial endorsement has been met.	X	(5162)	148	Mathematics – Algebra I (add-on endorsement)

### READING FOR VIRGINIA EDUCATORS

#### **Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Elementary and Special Education (5306 computer-based)** **Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Reading Specialist (5304 computer-based)**

The following reading assessments are prescribed by the Virginia Board of Education for individuals seeking the following endorsements:

- (1) an initial Virginia license with the following endorsements: Early/Primary Education preK-3, Elementary Education preK-6, Special Education-General Curriculum, Special Education-Hearing Impairments, and Special Education-Visual Impairments [Refer to "Reciprocity – Individuals Who Hold Active Out-of-State Licenses with Full Credentials and Without Deficiencies," page 1]; or
- (2) an endorsement as a Reading Specialist.

Effective July 1, 2011, the Virginia Department of Education implemented changes in the required reading assessments for certain endorsements. For teachers seeking an initial license with endorsements in Early/Primary Education preK-3, Elementary Education preK-6, Special Education – General Curriculum, Special Education – Hearing Impairments, or Special Education – Visual Impairments, the required reading assessment is the **Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Elementary and Special Education Teachers Assessment (5306)**. On May 19, 2011, the Board of Education set the passing score for this assessment at 157.



READING FOR VIRGINIA EDUCATORS TEST: Elementary and Special Education	CURRENT VIRGINIA APPROVED TEST	TEST CODE Praxis Series test codes beginning with a “5” are computer-based tests.	PASSING SCORE	ENDORSEMENT AREA
<b>The Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE) Assessment <u>CANNOT</u> be used to add a teaching endorsement by testing.</b>				
Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Elementary and Special Education	X	(5306)  Beginning June 8, 2014, the RVE became available only via computer-based testing. The paper-based test (0306) is no longer given.	157	Teachers seeking an initial license with endorsement(s) in Early/Primary Education preK- 3, Elementary Education preK- 6, Special Education – General Curriculum, Special Education – Hearing Impairments, or Special Education – Visual Impairments

Effective July 1, 2011, the required assessment for teachers seeking an endorsement as a reading specialist is the **Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Reading Specialist Assessment (5304)**. On May 19, 2011, the Board of Education set the passing score for this assessment at **162**.

READING FOR VIRGINIA EDUCATORS TEST: Reading Specialist	CURRENT VIRGINIA APPROVED TEST	TEST CODE Praxis Series test codes beginning with a “5” are computer-based tests.	PASSING SCORE	ENDORSEMENT AREA
<b>The Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE) Assessment <u>CANNOT</u> be used to add a Reading Specialist endorsement by testing.</b>				
Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Reading Specialist Assessment	X	(5304)  Beginning June 8, 2014, the RVE became available only via computer-based testing. The paper-based test (0304) is no longer given.	162	Teachers seeking an endorsement as a <b>Reading Specialist</b>

The RVE is offered by the Education Testing Service (ETS). For information regarding registration, test administration, fees, the policy for testing individuals with disabilities, etc., please refer to the [ETS website](#), or contact the Educational Testing Service (ETS) at 1-800-772-9476 or 609-771-7395 for THE PRAXIS SERIES Registration Bulletin or write to THE PRAXIS SERIES, ETS, P. O. Box 6051, Princeton, NJ 08541-6051. Hearing impaired individuals using a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may call 1-800-275-1391 for information.

#### **NOTES:**

Individuals who were previously cited for the Virginia Reading Assessment (VRA) or Virginia Reading Assessment for Reading Specialists (VRA for Reading Specialists) and who have not yet completed these tests are now required to take the new assessments. The VRA and VRA for Reading Specialists are no longer available.

**VRA (no longer available) Taken Prior to June 30, 2011:** Even though the Virginia Reading Assessment (VRA) and Virginia Reading Assessment for Reading Specialists (VRA for Reading Specialists) have not been administered since June 30, 2011, the passing scores on the VRA assessments will be accepted from individuals who took the tests prior to June 30, 2011. The cut score for the Virginia Reading Assessments for elementary and special education teachers was 235 and the cut score for reading specialists was 245, effective July 1, 2006.

### **SCHOOL LEADERS LICENSURE ASSESSMENT (SLLA) – TEST CODE 6011 OR TEST CODE 6990**

Effective July 1, 2005, the Board of Education approved the use of the **School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)** for individuals seeking an Administration and Supervision endorsement.

On January 14, 2010, the Board of Education approved a cut score of **163** for the SLLA (test code 1011). This test was administered for the last time in a paper format in September 2011. Effective January 2012, the SLLA is available in a computer-delivered format only. **The test code is 6011, and the cut score is 163.**

On July 26, 2018, the Board of Education approved a cut score of 146 for the SLLA (test code 6990). For the period of September 1, 2018 to January 1, 2020, individuals may take either the SLLA (6011) or SLLA (6990); effective January 1, 2020, SLLA (6990) is required for individuals seeking an Administration and Supervision PreK-12 endorsement.

SCHOOL LEADERS LICENSURE ASSESSMENT	CURRENT VIRGINIA APPROVED TEST	TEST CODE	PASSING SCORE	ENDORSEMENT AREA
The School Leaders Licensure Assessment <b>CANNOT</b> be used to add an Administration and Supervision preK-12 endorsement by testing.				
<b>School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)</b> (For the period of September 1, 2018 to January 1, 2020 individuals may take either the SLLA (6011) or SLLA (6990). Effective January 1, 2020, the SLLA (6990) is required for individuals seeking an Administration and Supervision preK-12 endorsement.) [Score reports for individuals who took the SLLA (6011) prior to 1/1/2020, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]	X	(6011)	163	Administration and Supervision
<b>School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)</b> (For the period of September 1, 2018 to January 1, 2020 individuals may take either the SLLA (6011) or SLLA (6990). Effective January 1, 2020, the SLLA (6990) is required for individuals seeking an Administration and Supervision preK-12 endorsement.) [Score reports for individuals who took the SLLA (6011) prior to 1/1/2020, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]	X	(6990)	146	Administration and Supervision

**NOTE:**

**Previous Version of SLLA (no longer available):** Virginia will continue to accept passing scores on the old version of the SLLA (test code 1010) that was last administered in Virginia in October 2009. The cut score for the SLLA test code 1010 was 165.

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*Upon registering for assessments, test takers may have opted for scores to be sent to the Virginia Department of Education. Please note that the Licensure Office does not receive a paper copy of the official score report(s) from the testing service. Because not all scores can be electronically accessed, **candidates should include a paper copy of their official score report to the Licensure Office with the licensure application.***