

Several updates to PRAXIS exams will occur in 2019. This document provides details about those changes.

### **Reminder: School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)**

In the fall of 2018, BESE adopted a change to the SLLA.

- If taken on **August 31, 2019** or **before**, take exam #6011.
- If taken on **September 1, 2019** or **after**, take exam #6990.

### **Adoption of new PRAXIS score: Social Studies (5086)**

In response to recommendations made by the Louisiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (LACTE), BESE **approved revisions** to the **Social Studies PRAXIS exam (5086) score** in June. Current required score is 160. Approved policy **revised the required score to 153, effective January 1, 2020.**

In addition, BESE will consider several updates to PRAXIS exams in August 2019.

### **Adoption of new PRAXIS Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (5713), Writing (5723), and Mathematics (5733)**

Educational Testing Services (ETS) revised the mathematics portion of the PRAXIS Core Academic Skills for Educators to include more content relative to data interpretation, statistics, and probability and less content relative to Algebra and Geometry. **No changes were made to the writing and reading portions of the exam.**

The passing scores for all portions of the PRAXIS core remain the same. Proposed policy adopts the new series. Effective September 1, 2019, educators can take either the currently adopted exams or the newly proposed exams. **Effective August 1, 2020, the new exams (5713, 5723, and 5733) will be required.**

### **Adoption of new PRAXIS Teaching Reading Exam (5206)**

ETS updated the Teaching Reading exam to better align to the [International Literacy Association Standards](#) and to highlight the key components of scientifically-based reading instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

Proposed policy adopts this exam and the passing score of 156. One hundred fifty (156) is the recommended passing score by the ETS Multistate Standard-Setting Study. Effective September 1, 2019, educators may take either the currently adopted exam or the newly proposed exam. **Effective August 1, 2020, the new exam (5206) will be required.**

### **Adoption of new PRAXIS School Superintendent Assessment (6991)**

ETS updated the school superintendent assessment to align to the new Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL) and the National Educational Leadership Preparation (NELP) standards, which were developed in 2015 and 2018 respectively.

Proposed policy adopts this exam and the passing score of 162. One hundred sixty two (162) is the recommended passing score by the ETS Multistate Standard-Setting Study. Effective September 1, 2019, educators can take either the currently adopted exam or the newly proposed exam. **Effective August 1, 2020, the new exam (6991) will be required.**