

## COMMISSION FOR TEACHER PREPARATION AND LICENSING

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TO: Persons Interested in the Activities of the Commission for  
Teacher Preparation and Licensing

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SUBJECT: Examination Score Standards

The Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing, at its March, 1975 meeting, established a new policy which acknowledges previous examination score policies and actions while providing a permanent policy. The Commission was concerned, particularly, that such new policy not adversely affect any person who might have taken one of the Commission-approved examinations prior to adoption of this new policy. A copy of the specific policy statements and the score standards (cut-off scores) are attached for your information.

Passage of the new policy and the score standards provides the following:

1. Scores earned on approved examinations prior to September 1, 1974 shall be assessed under the standards then in existence. The standard for the NTE Commons between January 1, 1974 and September 1, 1974 was 60-60-62, with a total of 200 required. For Commons taken prior to January 1, 1974, the standard was set at 50-50-52 with a total of 180 required for those examinees who were required to take the professional education part of the Commons (Part A) before proceeding to the three parts (B, C, & D) required by the Commission. At some test sites, after January 1, 1974, this same requirement was effected by the test supervisor. Candidates who took the test under such circumstances may appeal to the Commission if their scores were 50-50-52 and 180 or better. To appeal, candidates may apply directly, providing processing fee, copy of score report, and a letter of explanation and request. Scores meeting the above requirements may be submitted to the Commission for processing and recording independently of a credential application and will remain valid for credential purposes.
2. Effective September 1, 1974 all scores on examinations taken between September 1, 1974 and August 31, 1975 will be assessed in terms of the scores shown on the attached document. Scores determined passing by such assessment will be valid for no longer than two years.

Examination Score Standards (Cont'd)

3. All scores on tests taken after September 1, 1974 shall be presented to the Commission for processing only at the time of application for the credential for which it fulfills a requirement.
4. All scores on tests taken prior to September 1, 1974 and after November 23, 1970 shall remain valid as long as they are processed by the Commission prior to September 1, 1975.

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ESTABLISHED MARCH 7, 1975

1. Passing score standards for all examinations adopted by the Commission shall be established annually for a term beginning September 1st each year and extending through the following August 31st. Changes in a passing score shall be made sufficiently in advance of the annual term to permit announcement of new standards to reach teacher preparation institutions and county offices of education preceding the academic year.
2. The passing score standard for the term beginning September 1, 1974 and ending August 31, 1975 shall be the scores most recently adopted by the Commission as shown on the reverse.
3. A passing score shall be processed by the Commission at the time of application for a credential requiring such examination.
4. An examination score shall be considered passing in terms of the standard set for the year the examination is taken. This score will remain valid and may be used for certification purposes for two years following the date of the examination on which the passing score was achieved.
5. Score standards and policies adopted by the Commission prior to December 1, 1974 shall continue to be applied to examinations taken prior to the date the above policies are adopted by the Commission. (Except that effective September 1, 1975, all prior scores shall become subject to the above policies.)

PASSING SCORE STANDARDS  
September 1, 1974 - August 31, 1975

<u>Examination</u>	<u>Passing Score</u>
Commons Examination (candidate must pass in each section)	
Written English Expression	60
Social Science, Literature & Fine Arts	60
Science & Math	62
Single Subject Examinations	
Biology and General Science	676
English Language and Literature	618
Industrial Arts Education	626
Mathematics	632
Chemistry, Physics and General Science	628
Social Studies	627
Business Education	629
Music Education	616
Home Economics Education	647
Art Education	622
Men's Physical Education	612
Women's Physical Education	664
French	613
German	631
Spanish	636
Guidance Counselor	624
Educational Administration and Supervision	617
Introduction to the Teaching of Reading	680