# PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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**SUBJECT:** Revised Passing Score Standards for the California Administrator Performance Assessment (CalAPA)

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**Summary:**
This Program Sponsor Alert is to inform Commission-approved educator preparation programs of the revised passing score standards for the California Administrator Performance Assessment (CalAPA) that were adopted at the August 2022 Commission meeting.

**Key Provisions:**
The revised passing score standards adopted by the Commission on August 24, 2022, for the CalAPA are as follows:
- Cycle 1 (8 rubrics): A final passing score of **15 points** with no side conditions.
- Cycle 2 (7 rubrics): A final passing score of **14 points** with no side conditions.
- Cycle 3 (7 rubrics): A final passing score of **14 points** with no side conditions

**Important Dates:**
The revised passing standard for the CalAPA will become effective after the **July 6, 2023,** submission window, coinciding with the implementation of the Year 6 operational CalAPA Assessment Guides.

In August of 2024, Commission staff will report on the outcomes of the revised passing scores, and at that time, the Commission may reconsider passing scores.

**Background:**
The Commission developed the CalAPA during 2015-17, based upon the Commission's adopted Preliminary Administrator Services Program Standards to ensure that all individuals who are granted the Preliminary Administrative Services credential have demonstrated a minimum level of competency on the California Administrative Services Performance Expectations (CAPE). To

increase scoring reliability, the CalAPA is centrally managed and scored, requiring assessors to use content-specific rubrics to ensure that detailed and analytic feedback, based on the individual California Administrator Performance Expectations (CAPE), is provided to candidates and programs in a timely manner to guide both candidate development and program improvement.

The CalAPA became operational in fall 2018, and an initial passing score was adopted by the Commission for use in fall 2019. In May 2022, the CalAPA standard-setting panel was reconvened to consider adjusting that initial passing score. For purposes of the 2022 standard setting, all candidates who were required to pass the CalAPA and who had submitted complete cycle that were scored through April 2022 were included in the data analysis.

The 2022 standard setting study for the CalAPA was conducted over a two-day period, May 17-18, 2022, with pre-conference preparatory activities for the content expert panel taking place prior to the meeting. The panel's recommendations were presented to the Commission at their August 2022 meeting.  At that meeting, the Commission took action to adopt new passing standards and to set a date for the scores to go into effect.

The revised passing standards for the CalAPA will become effective after the July 6, 2023, submission window, coinciding with the implementation of the Year 6 implementation cycle.

Each CalAPA cycle will be assessed separately.  Should a candidate submit one or two cycles prior to July 6, 2023, and receive a passing score from the prior set of passing standards, those cycles will be considered completed and finished, with no need to resubmit.  Only cycles submitted after July 6, 2023, will be subject to the new passing standard.  Therefore, a candidate may have cycles from both sets of passing scores and still complete the CalAPA performance assessment requirement for earning the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential. Passing scores received by a candidate are good for ten years.

Data will continue to be analyzed during the next two years of CalAPA operational administration. In August 2024, staff will report findings from the data to the Commission for evaluation and potentially reconsideration of passing standards.

**Sources:**
Revisiting CalAPA Standard Setting Study Findings and Passing Score Recommendations—August 2022

**References**
Revisiting CalAPA Standard Setting Study Findings and Passing Score Recommendations—August 2022

Proposed Adoption of the Passing Score Standard for the California Administrator Performance Assessment – August 2019

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