Certification Information

Resource: Mississippi Department of Education/ Office of Educator Licensure
https://www.mdek12.org/OEL

ELEMENTARY K-6 / Required Licensure Tests:

Praxis II Tests (TWO TESTS):
- Elementary Education (K-6) [Test Code 5017]
- Principles of Learning & Teaching/ PLT K-6 [Test Code 5622]
- Go to https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements to register

Foundations of Reading Exam (ONE TEST):
- Foundations of Reading [Test Code 190]
- Go to http://www.ms.nesinc.com to register

*All three tests listed above are required for a standard, renewable license in Elementary Education.

SECONDARY EDUCATION 7-12 / Required Licensure Tests:

Praxis II Tests (TWO Tests):
- Principles of Learning & Teaching/ PLT 7-12 [Test Code 5624]
- Take the Praxis II exam in your degree program area. The different content area tests are listed below:
  Biology [Test Code 5236] – new test code effective 9/1/2022
  Chemistry [Test Code 5246] – new test code effective 9/1/2022
  English [Test Code 5038]
  Mathematics [Test Code 5165]
  Physics [Test Code 5266] – new test code effective 9/1/2022
  Social Studies [Test Code 5081]
- Go to https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements to register

*Both the PLT & content area test listed above are required for a standard, renewable license in Secondary Education.

SPECIAL EDUCATION K-12/ Required Licensure Tests:
[Note: UM SPED graduates qualify for Mild/Moderate & Severe/Profound Disabilities]

Praxis II Tests (TWO Tests):
- Special Education [Test code 5354]
- Principles of Learning & Teaching/ PLT
  Select ONE of the grade levels only—Grades K-6 [Test Code 5622]; or Grades 4-6 [Test Code 5623]; or Grades 7-12 [Test Code 5624]
• Go to https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements to register

Foundations of Reading Exam (ONE TEST):
  • Foundations of Reading [Test Code 190]
  • Go to http://www.ms.nesinc.com to register

*The PLT, SPED content area tests & Foundations of Reading Exam listed above are required for a standard, renewable license in Special Education.

Praxis II Test – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
  • Special Education Fundamental Subject HQ [Test code 5511]
  • Go to https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements to register
  • [Note: The Fundamental Subject Test allows SPED teachers to be licensed to teach in a broader range of classroom settings--- self-contained, inclusion, etc. This test is not required to receive an initial license but maximizes your job opportunities]

Health and Physical Education / Required Licensure Tests:

Praxis II Tests (TWO TESTS):
  • Physical Education (K-12) [Test Code 5091]
  • Principles of Learning & Teaching/ PLT
    Select ONE of the grade levels only—Grades K-6 [Test Code 5622]; or Grades 4-6 [Test Code 5623]; or Grades 7-12 [Test Code 5624]
  • Go to https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements to register

*Both the PLT & content area test listed above are required for a standard, renewable license in Healthy and Physical Education.

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