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Connecticut Educator Certification News from  
The Connecticut State Department of Education



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## CHANGE TO TEST REQUIREMENTS: READING ENDORSEMENTS #102 AND #097

On January 7, 2015, the State Board of Education adopted a new test for eligibility for endorsement #102 Remedial Reading/Remedial Language Arts and for endorsement #097 Reading and Language Arts Consultant. The previous test, the Foundations of Reading Test, will no longer be required. As of February 1, 2015, The Connecticut Reading Specialist Test, administered by Pearson Education, will be required for eligibility for both endorsement #102 and for endorsement #097.

Since this is a new test for Connecticut, the Board approved a progression of cut scores. From February 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, the minimum required scale score will be 215. As of January 1, 2016, the minimum required scale score will be 240.

### *Massachusetts (MTEL) Reading Specialist Test*

The minimum required test score is aligned with the required score on the Massachusetts Reading Specialist Test. This means that educators who pass the Massachusetts test will not have to take another test in Connecticut. Their Massachusetts Reading Specialist Test will be accepted to meet Connecticut requirements, if their score meets Connecticut minimum score requirements.

### *Transition Policy*

Candidates completing a state-approved educator preparation program and recommended for certification by a Connecticut college or university, who already took the Foundations of Reading Test may use that score in lieu of the new Reading Specialist Test for Connecticut certification purposes provided that they complete all testing and program requirements AND apply for certification PRIOR to January 1, 2016.

Educators prepared outside of Connecticut who apply on or after February 1, 2015, will be required to pass the new Connecticut Reading Specialist Test.

**Information about test requirements is available from the “Guide to Assessments for Educator Certification in Connecticut” at [www.ct.gov/sde/certtests](http://www.ct.gov/sde/certtests).**

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