

ABOUT OREGON TEACHER TESTS 2011-12: THE TESTS

Oregon Tests: A Matrix

Tests required for teachers in Oregon come from two different companies, may originate from one of three state governments, serve a variety of purposes, and may come in more than one format. To allay the confusion, here is a matrix of tests: (1) basic skills tests; (2) professional/pedagogy/specialty tests; (3) special education tests; (4) the multiple subject ORELA; (5) single subject exams other than world language exams; (6) world language exams.

Test formats are **PBT** (paper-based test) or **CBT** (computer-based test, taken at a test center by appointment). Question types are **MC** (multiple choice), **Essay**, or **CR** (constructed response: this can include an oral response). “Other fees” refers only to additional fees assessed at the time of registration.

NOT included: fees for late or emergency registration, standby registration, changing test dates, obtaining scores early, or test rescoring.

NES or NESTest and **ORELA** are, respectively, Pearson’s nationwide test program and Oregon state test program. NES now includes basic-skills tests. In addition to the test fee, there’s a \$30 first-time registration fee for any test that’s on the ORELA Web site, including NESTest. For these, see <http://www.orela.nesinc.com>.

CBEST is the California-centric basic skills test program of Pearson (NES). See <http://www.cbest.nesinc.com>.

WEST is the Washington state test program of Pearson (NES). In addition to the test fee, there’s a registration fee of \$10 per test date. See <http://www.west.nesinc.com>

Praxis is the nationwide teacher test program of ETS. Praxis may offer more than one test in a given subject area: be sure you sign up for the correct test for Oregon. Passing scores vary from state to state. Along with the test fee, Praxis charges a \$50 registration fee—but only once per year. See <http://www.ets.org/praxis>.

1. Basic skills tests: choose any program

Program	Tests, subtests, or sections	Formats	Question types		Duration	Scoring scale	Passing score	Test fee	Other fees
			MC	Essay					
NES	Essential Academic Skills: Reading	CBT	35		1 hour	100-300 per test	240 per test	\$50/1	\$30 first time
	Essential Academic Skills: Writing		36	1	1.25 hour			\$75/2	
	Essential Academic Skills: Math				1 hour			\$100/3	
CBEST	CBEST Reading Comprehension	CBT; PBT in CA only	50		4 hours per test session: take one or more	20-80 per section	123 total, no section under 37	\$41 PBT, \$101 CBT	
	CBEST Mathematics		50						
	CBEST Essay			2					
WEST	WEST-B Reading	PBT	60		5 hours per test session: take one or more	100-300 per test	240 per test	\$25	\$10 per test date
	WEST-B Mathematics		60					\$25	
	WEST-B Essay		50	2				\$25	
Praxis I (basic skills)	Praxis I/PPST Reading 0710	PBT	40		60 min. per test	150-190 per test	174	\$40 per test	\$50 per year
	Praxis I/PPST Mathematics 0730		40				175		
	Praxis I/PPST Writing 0720		38	1			171		
	Praxis I/PPST Reading 5710	CBT	46		75 min	150-190 per test	174		
	Praxis I/PPST Mathematics 5730		46				175		
	Praxis I/PPST Writing 5720		44	1			68 min	171	
<i>Praxis I CBT exams (5000 series) can be combined as Praxis I/PPST Combined Test 5750. Duration is 4 hrs.</i>								\$130	

2. Professional/pedagogy/specialty tests

Program	Tests	Subtests	Format	Question types		Duration	Scoring scale	Passing score	Test fee	Other fees
				MC	CR					
ORELA	Protecting Student and Civil Rights in the Educational Environment	Required of all licensure candidates	CBT	60		2 hr	100-300	240	\$80	\$30 on first registration for any ORELA or NESTest
	Administrator	Subtest I: Visionary Leadership and Instructional Improvement	PBT	60 per sub-test	4 hours per test session: take one or both	100-300 per subtest	240 per sub-test	\$80 per sub-test		
		Subtest II: Management Procedures and Requirements for Oregon Administrators								
Praxis II	Reading Specialist 0300 School Psychologist 0401	Subtest I: Foundations of ESOL	PBT	60 per sub-test	4 hours per test session: take one or both	100-300 per subtest	240 per subtest	\$80 per sub-test		
		Subtest II: ESOL Assessment and Instruction								

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3. Special Education tests

Program	Tests	Format	Question types		Duration	Scoring scale	Passing score	Test fee	Other fees
			MC	CR					
NESTest	Special Education	CBT	150		3 hr	100-300	228	\$95	\$30*
	Special Education: Preschool/Early Childhood 0690		110			250-990	530	\$80	
Praxis II	Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students 0271	PBT	40		2 hr per test	100-200	143	\$90	\$50 per year
	Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments 0281 (replaced as of 1/11)		120			100-200	167	\$80	
	Speech-Language Pathology 0330		120			250-990	600	\$80	

4. Multiple Subjects: ORELA

Program	Test	Subtests	Format	Question types		Duration	Scoring scale	Passing score	Test fee	Other fees
				MC	CR					
ORELA	Multiple Subjects Required of all elementary candidates Take II and EITHER I OR III	Subtest I: Language Arts, Social Science, Arts	All subtests	60 OR 80	2	4 hours per test session: take one or both	100-300	240	\$80	\$30 on first registration
		For candidates taking OR teacher prep OR								
		Subtest III: Language Arts, Social Science, Arts, Reading Instruction	PBT	80						
		Subtest II: Mathematics, Science, Health, Physical Education		60	2	both	100-300	240	\$80	

5. Secondary subject matter exams, except World Language

Program	Tests	Format	Question types		Duration	Scoring scale	Passing score	Test fee	Other fees	
			MC	CR						
NESTest	Art	All tests	150 per test	CBT		100-300 per test	230	\$95 per test	\$30 on first registration for any ORELA or NESTest	
	Biology						220			
	Business Education						234			
	Chemistry						3.75 hr			220
	Early Childhood Education						232			
	English Language Arts						3 hr per test			236
	Family and Consumer Sciences						232			
	Health						240			
	Mathematics						220			
	Middle Grades English Language Arts						222			
	Middle Grades General Science						228			
	Middle Grades Mathematics						225			
	Middle Grades Social Science						227			
	Music						220			
	Physics						3.75 hr			232
Physical Education	224									
Social Science	237									
Praxis II	Agriculture 0900	All tests	148	PBT	2 hr per test	250-990	590	\$80 per test	\$50 per year	
	General Science: Content Knowledge 0435		120			100-200	146			
	Marketing Education 0561		120			per test	163			
	Speech Communication: Content Knowledge 0221		120			per test	155			
	Technology Education 0050				250-990	620				

6. Secondary subject matter exams: World Language

Program	Tests	Format	Question types		Duration	Scoring scale	Passing score	Test fee	Other fees
			MC	CR					
NESTest	Spanish	CBT	100	1 speaking, 1 writing	3 hr	100-300	226	\$95	\$30*
Praxis II	French: World Language 5174	CBT	75 per test	Per test: 3 speaking tasks, 3 writing tasks	2.5 hr per test	100-200 per test	162 per test	\$140 per test	\$50 per year
	German: World Language 5183								