August 20, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: County and City Superintendents of Education
    Deans of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice
      State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Addendum to Memorandum FY13-2056: Alternative Class A Unconditional Admission Requirements

This memorandum is to provide further clarification to the April 2, 2013, Memorandum FY13-2056: Alternative Class A Unconditional Admission Requirements.

Candidates who are unconditionally admitted to an Alternative A program at an Alabama college or university in elementary education, collaborative teacher (K-6), and/or collaborative teacher (6-12) program(s) on or after September 1, 2013, may use a passing score on Praxis II test 0014/5014 Elementary Education: Content Knowledge in lieu of the 4x12 for both general studies and teaching field requirements [Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 290-3-3-.44(c) and (d)]. Please note 0014/5014 Elementary Education: Content Knowledge will be discontinued August 31, 2013; therefore, the passing score must follow the Test Discontinuation Policy that requires a passing score be obtained prior to August 31, 2013, and the NAL application to be received by August 31, 2018.

If Praxis II test 0014/5014 Elementary Education: Content Knowledge was not successfully passed prior to August 31, 2013, the applicant may use passing scores on all four subtests of Praxis II test 5031 Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects in lieu of the 4x12 for both general studies and teaching field requirements for unconditional admission to an Alternative Class A program in elementary education, collaborative teacher (K-6), and/or collaborative teacher (6-12). [Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 290-3-3-.44(c) and (d)].

Candidates who are unconditionally admitted to an Alternative Class A at an Alabama college or university in an early childhood education program and/or an early childhood special education program(s) on or after September 1, 2013, may use a passing score on Praxis II test 0014/5014 Elementary Education: Content Knowledge in lieu of the 4x12 for both general studies and teaching field requirements [Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 290-3-3-.44(c) and (d)]. Please note 0014/5014 Elementary Education: Content Knowledge will be discontinued August 31, 2013; therefore, the passing score must follow the Test Discontinuation Policy that requires a passing score be obtained prior to August 31, 2013, and the NAL application to be received by August 31, 2018.
If Praxis II test 0014/5014 Elementary Education: Content Knowledge was not successfully passed prior to August 31, 2013, the applicant may use a passing score on Praxis II test 0022/5022 Early Childhood: Content Knowledge in lieu of the 4x12 requirement to meet both general studies and teaching field requirements for unconditional admission to an Alternative Class A program in early childhood and/or early childhood special education. [Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 290-3-3-.44(c) and (d)].

Please continue to assist us with communicating this information to all educational stakeholders who may be affected by the content presented herein. Please refer stakeholders to the Alabama State Department of Education's Web site for up-to-date certification requirements. The Alabama State Department of Education remains committed to ensuring that the Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program (AECTP) is valid and reliable. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Jendia S. Grissett, Coordinator, Teacher Testing Section, by telephone at 334-242-9983 or by e-mail at jgrissett@alsde.edu.

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