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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
        State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Performance Assessment Requirements for Selected Teachers

This memorandum is being provided as a follow-up to the February 6, 2019, memorandum regarding Testing Requirements for Individuals on the Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field (PCTF) Approach or the Provisional Certificate in a Career and Technical Teaching Field (PCCT) Approach that states the following:

“Individuals who receive a first PCTF or PCCT for the 2019-2020 scholastic year and thereafter, will be required to complete and earn a passing score on the appropriate edTPA Handbook prior to October 1 of the scholastic year for which the third PCTF or PCCT is to be issued. For teaching fields where no edTPA Handbook exists, the current passing score on the appropriate Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) test will be required.”

Introductory edTPA training sessions were conducted across the state of Alabama in February and March 2019. Feedback during these sessions indicated the need for additional time for individuals on the PCTF and PCCT approaches to complete the edTPA requirement. Based upon the requests presented and the subsequent research conducted, the following guidelines have been established for individuals who receive a first PCTF or PCCT during the 2019-2020 scholastic year and thereafter:

• For individuals on the PCTF approach or the PCCT approach in the areas of agriscience education, business/marketing education, career technologies, and family and consumer sciences education, a passing score on the appropriate edTPA assessment will no longer be required for issuance of the third certificate. A passing score must be earned and the application for the Professional Educator Certificate must be received in the Educator Certification Section of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) on or before October 1 of the calendar year in which the third PCTF or PCCT expires.
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- For individuals on the PCCT approach in areas other than agriscience education, business/marketing education, career technologies, and family and consumer sciences education, a passing score on the appropriate Praxis PLT will no longer be required for issuance of the third certificate. A passing score must be earned and the application for the Professional Educator Certificate must be received in the Educator Certification Section of the ALSDE on or before October 1 of the calendar year in which the third PCCT expires.

The ALSDE is working to establish supports to assist local education agencies and individuals on these approaches with meeting the edTPA requirements. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Additionally, for those individuals currently on the PCTF approach or PCCT approach, a passing score on the appropriate Praxis PLT will no longer be required for issuance of the third certificate. A passing score must be earned and the application for the Professional Educator Certificate must be received in the Educator Certification Section of the ALSDE on or before October 1 of the calendar year in which the third PCTF or PCCT expires.

For additional information regarding testing requirements, please contact Dr. Deanise F. Peacock, ALSDE Assessment Coordinator, at 334-694-4595 or by email at dpeacock@alsde.edu.

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