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## ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR VIRGINIA LICENSURE

To review the requirements for licensure, please refer to the [Licensure Regulations for School Personnel](#). Please read the information carefully to determine the assessment(s) you may need for an initial Virginia license, an endorsement in Mathematics - Algebra I, an endorsement as a Reading Specialist, or the Administration and Supervision endorsement.

### Introduction

Pursuant to the Licensure Regulations for School Personnel, all candidates who hold at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and who seek an initial Virginia teaching license must obtain passing scores 10.9 (0 TT.0 r o- (t)ec)di

## Assessments Required for Initial Licensure

The prescribed tests for Virginia for initial licensure are as follows:

### ACADEMIC SKILLS ASSESSMENT

Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA)

### CONTENT ASSESSMENT

Praxis Subject Assessment (if applicable)– Refer to Praxis Subject Assessments

READING ASSESSMENT [Required for any of the following endorsements (teaching areas): Early/Primary Education preK-3, Elementary Education preK, Special Education General Curriculum K-12, Special Education Hearing Impairments, and Special Education Visual Impairments. This assessment also may apply to those individuals with endorsements in Special Education Emotional Disturbances, Special Education Specific Learning Disabilities, and Special Education Intellectual Disabilities who were advised under previous regulations to meet this assessment requirement for full licensure.]

Praxis® Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205) **required after September 1, 2022**) OR

Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Elementary and Special Education (5306)

[Score reports for individuals who took the RVE (5304) prior to 8/31/2022, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]

## Assessment Required for Individuals Seeking a Reading Specialist Endorsement

Praxis® Reading Specialist (5302) **required after September 1, 2022**); OR

Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Reading Specialist (5304) [Score reports for individuals who took the RVE (5304) prior to 8/31/2022, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]

## Assessment Required for Individuals Seeking an Initial License with a Special Education Visual Impairments Endorsement

Braille Proficiency Test (0633)

## Assessment Required for Individuals Seeking an Administration and Supervision Endorsement

School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) (6990) **required after January 1, 2020**) OR

School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) (6011) [Score reports for individuals who took the SLLA (6011) prior to 1/1/2020, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.]



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The following reading assessments are prescribed by the Virginia Board of Education for individuals seeking an endorsement as a Reading Specialist.

READING ASSESSMENT: Reading Specialist	CURRENT VIRGINIA APPROVED TEST	TEST CODE Praxis Series test codes beginning with a "5" are computer-based tests.	PASSING SCORE	ENDORSEMENT AREA
The Praxis Reading Assessment <u>CANNOT</u> be used to add a Reading Specialist endorsement by testing.				

Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Reading Specialist Assessment <i>(taken between 7/2011 and 9/1/2022)</i>	X	(5304)		
Beginning June 8, 2014, the RVE became available only via computer-based testing. The paper-based test (0304) is no longer given.				

## SCHOOL LEADERS LICENSURE ASSESSMENT (SLLA) – TEST CODE 6011OR TEST CODE 6990

Effective July 1, 2005, the Board of Education approved the use of the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) for individuals seeking an Administration and Supervision endorsement.

In January 14, 2010, the Board of Education approved a cut score of 163 for the SLLA (test code 1011). This test was administered the last time in a paper format in September 2011. Effective January 2012, the SLLA is available in a computer-delivered format. The test code is 6011, and the cut score is 163.

On July 26, 2018, the Board of Education approved a cut score of 146 for the SLLA (test code 6990). For the period September 1, 2018 to January 1, 2020, individuals may take either the SLLA (6011) or SLLA (6990); effective January 1, 2020, SLLA (6990) is required for individuals seeking an Administration and Supervision-Pedagogy endorsement.

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