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Board Order No. 26-001

ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS
Occupation-based Career and Technical Education Certification

WHEREAS, KRS 161.030(3) authorizes the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) to select assessments for all new teachers and teachers seeking initial and additional certification as well as the minimum acceptable level of achievement those assessments; and

WHEREAS, 16 KAR 6:020, Section 2(1) provides that specialty assessment scores for applicants seeking initial certification and educators seeking additional certification under 16 KAR 2:020 shall be determined by the Board in consultation with the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE).

WHEREAS, 16 KAR 6:020, Section 2(2) provides that the EPSB shall specify the specialty assessments and passing scores for new applicants and educators seeking an additional certificate via order of the EPSB and that the order shall be posted on the EPSB website.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to the authority vested in it by KRS 161.020 and 16 KAR 6:020, Section 2(2), and after consultation with the OCTE, the EPSB hereby orders and directs that applicants seeking initial certification and educators seeking additional certification pursuant to 16 KAR 6:020 shall be required as follows:

Identified program area, corresponding assessment with corresponding minimum passing score, and allowable substitution, if applicable.

Assessment requirements for occupation-based career and technical education teachers, 2026

Program Area	Test Name	Passing Score	Substitution for Test Requirement
Industrial Education and Information Technology category			
Auto Body Repair	NOCTI Collision Repair/Refinishing Technology Test	61	Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification B2 OR B3 OR I-Car

Program Area	Test Name	Passing Score	Substitution for Test Requirement
Automotive Technology	NOCTI Automotive Technology	63	Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification (2 or more A level) OR Master OEM
Aviation Technology	N/A	N/A	Federal Aviation Administration certified pilot license OR Federal Aviation Administration ground instructor certification.
Airframe and Power Plant Mechanics	N/A	N/A	Federal Aviation Administration certified airframe AND power plant
Biomedical Sciences	N/A	N/A	Baccalaureate OR Higher degree in biomedical or Health science area

Building and Apartment Maintenance	NOCTI Building Trades Maintenance	52	
Business and Marketing	Praxis - Business Education: Content Knowledge (5101)	154	Required for all teacher candidates For ranking - Business-related degree listed within a university's College of Business OR A degree that includes 24 credit hours of core business courses. Core business courses include Accounting, Finance, Management, Marketing, Statistics, and Economics.
Computer Aided Drafting	NOCTI Technical Drafting	70	

Program Area	Test Name	Passing Score	Substitution for Test Requirement
Computer Graphics Technology (Graphic Design)	NOCTI Advertising and Design	50.1	Adobe Certified Professional: InDesign + Adobe Certified Professional: Photoshop AND Adobe Certified Professional: Illustrator OR Adobe Certified Expert: InDesign + Adobe Certified Expert: Photoshop OR Adobe Certified Expert: Illustrator OR Adobe Certified Master: InDesign + Adobe Certified Master: Photoshop OR Adobe Certified Master: Illustrator

Computer Science	NOCTI Computer Programming	70.6	Oracle JAVA SE Programmer I OR App Development with Swift OR Unity Certified Associate: Programmer OR Unity Certified Associate: Game Developer
Computer Systems Technology	NOCTI Computer Technology	62.1	CompTIA Network+ OR CompTIA A+ OR CompTIA Security+ OR Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)

Program Area	Test Name	Passing Score	Substitution for Test Requirement
Construction Carpentry	NOCTI Carpentry	58	
Diesel Technology	NOCTI Diesel Mechanics	62	Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification (2 or more T level) OR Master OEM
Electrical Technology	NOCTI Electrical Technology Construction	45	Copy of Kentucky Journeyman licensure results OR Copy of Kentucky Master Electrician licensure results
Engineering Technology	N/A	N/A	Bachelor's degree in engineering or engineering technology

Heavy Equipment Operations	NOCTI 5913 Heavy Equipment	58.4	N/A
Air Conditioning and Heating	NOCTI HVAC	54.5	Copy of Kentucky Journeyman licensure exam results OR Copy of Kentucky Master HVAC licensure results
Electronics	NOCTI Electronics Technology	54	
Industrial Maintenance Technology	NOCTI Industrial Maintenance Mechanic	60	

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Interactive Media			Any two of the following exams: Adobe Certified Professional: Animate Adobe Certified Expert: Animate Autodesk 3ds Max Certified User Autodesk Maya Certified User Unity Certified User: Artist Unity Certified User: VR Developer Unity Certified User: Programmer Unity Certified Associate: Game Developer Unity Certified Associate: Artist Unity Certified Associate: Programmer
Machine Tool Technology	NOCTI Precision Machining	70	
Manufacturing	NOCTI Industrial Maintenance Mechanic	60	

Marine Technology	N/A	N/A	Minimum of 3 Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certifications from the A series or the T series AND hold Equipment and Engine Training Council (EETC) Outdoor Power Equipment Certification
Masonry	NOCTI Masonry	46.8	
Sheet Metal Fabrication	N/A	N/A	
Plumbing Technology	NOCTI Plumbing	55	Copy of Kentucky Journeyman license results OR Copy of Kentucky Master Plumber licensure results
Small Engine and Motorcycle Repair Technology	NOCTI Small Engine Technology	71	Equipment and Engine Training Council (EETC) Outdoor Power Equipment Certification

Program Area	Test Name	Passing Score	Substitution for Test Requirement
Veterinary Assistant	N/A	N/A	Per NAVTA AVA policy, Veterinary Technician OR Nurse of Veterinary Medicine OR Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Video Production	NOCTI Audio Visual Communications	52.1	Apple Final Cut Pro, Adobe Certified Professional AfterEffects + Adobe Certified Professional PremierePro AND Adobe Certified Professional: Photoshop OR Adobe Certified Expert: AfterEffects + Adobe Certified Expert: PremierePro OR Adobe Certified Expert: Photoshop OR Adobe Certified Master: AfterEffects + Adobe Certified Master: PremierePro OR Adobe Certified Master: Photoshop
Welding	NOCTI Welding	70	American Welding Society (AWS) Certified Welder (minimum of 3G)
Wood Manufacturing Technology	NOCTI Cabinet Making 5905	70	
Health Science and Human Services category			

Program Area	Test Name	Passing Score	Substitution for Test Requirement
Allied Health Sciences	N/A	N/A	Active licensure, certification, OR Registration by a state OR Nationally recognized accrediting agency as a professional health care practitioner following completion of a minimum of an associate degree
Emergency Medical Services	N/A	N/A	First Responder Instructor Certification AND EMT Instructor Certification by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services

Fire Service	N/A	N/A	IFSAC Accredited Fire Fighter I AND IFSAC Fire Fighter II Certification AND IFSAC Accredited & KY Fire Commission Fire Instructor I or KY Fire Commission Fire Instructor II Certification OR Associate OR Bachelor's in Fire Science or related discipline AND KY Fire Commission Fire Instructor I or II Certification (Must earn IFSAC Accredited Fire Fighter I AND II Certification within 12 months).
Dietetics	N/A	N/A	Bachelor of Science in Dietetics AND Demonstrated ACEND accredited supervised practice AND passed an ACEND national examination AND registered through the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Program Area	Test Name	Passing Score	Substitution for Test Requirement
Health Science	N/A	N/A	Active Registered Nurse License in Kentucky AND meet applicable accrediting body state and federal requirements; associate or higher degree in nursing. Medicaid Nurse Aid (MNA) instruction requires additional certification per 907 KAR 1:450.
Public Services category			
Cosmetology	N/A	N/A	Kentucky Board of Hairdressers and Cosmetologists License
Culinary and Food Services	NOCTI Commercial Foods	55	American Culinary Federation Professional Certification

Early Childhood Education	N/A	N/A	Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education Bachelor of Education Degree AND the applicants must also have earned two of the five credentials: Early Childhood Director's Credential; Child Development Associate; Pediatric Abuse and Head Trauma Credential; Commonwealth Child Care Credential; Early Care and Education Orientation Credential
Law Enforcement	N/A	N/A	Certification as a Police Officer (POPS Certification) from the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council (KLEC) OR Police Instructor from the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council (KLEC)
Pre-Law	N/A	N/A	Bachelor's degree and active license to practice law OR Paralegal/Legal Studies degree

The Education Professional Standards Board shall post and maintain a copy of this Order on the website for the Education Professional Standards Board.

This Order shall be effective as of April 21, 2026. The provisions of any prior Order conflicting with this Order is null and void.

Amber Snell, Chair
Education Professional Standards Board