



## **PECT Program Update PAPA and PreK–4 Test Design Change**

The Pre-Service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) and the PECT PreK–4 tests are undergoing structural changes effective March 3, 2014. The changes involve an increase of 15 minutes for one module in each test as described below and 15 minute breaks between modules. We are making these changes to improve the testing experience for the test taker. There will be an increase in fees due to the increased time. There will be no changes to the PECT Special Education tests.

The fee increase will be effective January 14, 2014. This is necessary due to the nature of the registration process. Candidates who wish to take the PAPA before March 3, 2014, should register for the test before January 14, 2014. The restructured tests will be administered effective March 3, 2014. Please see the table(s) below for detailed information regarding these changes.

<b>Test Design: PAPA</b>		<b>CURRENT (as of November 25, 2013)</b>	<b>FUTURE</b>
Fee changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for all three modules together = \$110 (currently \$89)</li> <li>• for Math module taken separately = \$44 (currently \$37)</li> </ul> <b>January 14, 2014</b> -Fee increase goes into effect at the time of registration <b>March 3, 2014</b> -Test design change goes into effect			
<b>Reading</b>	36 multiple-choice questions	45 min. 28 scorable 8 non-scorable	45 min. <b>32 scorable</b> <b>4 non-scorable</b>
	Break		15 min.
<b>Mathematics</b>	36 multiple-choice questions	60 min. 28 scorable 8 non-scorable	<b>*75 min.</b> <b>32 scorable</b> <b>4 non-scorable</b>
	Break		15 min.
<b>Writing</b>	36 multiple-choice questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 sentence corrections</li> <li>• 1 essay (600 words)</li> </ul>	75 min. 28 scorable 8 non-scorable	75 min. <b>32 scorable</b> <b>4 non-scorable</b>
<b>Total Test</b>	--	180 min.	<b>*195 min.</b>

### Summary for PAPA

- Time Changes
  - Two 15 minute scheduled breaks
  - 15 minutes of additional testing time for the Mathematics module whether scheduled separately or with other two modules
- Fee changes:
  - for all three modules together = \$110 (currently \$89)
  - for Math module taken separately = \$44 (currently \$37)
- No longer able to move between modules
  - Each module is a separate test with a break between modules
  - ensures all candidates will have a standard amount of time for each module

### Implications: PAPA and PreK-4 Test Design Changes

- **Want the new test design?**
    - Register on or after January 14, 2014, and schedule a test appointment on or after March 3, 2014.
    - If you register after January 14, do **not** schedule a test prior to March 3, 2014.
    - Current test design continues through March 2, 2014.
  - **Already registered but not scheduled?**
    - Wait until November 7, 2013, before scheduling a test appointment for a date on or after March 3, 2014.
  - **Candidates who have already registered and have scheduled a test appointment prior to March 3 may:**
    - keep their current appointment and take the test with the *current* design
- OR**
- to get the *new test design*, cancel their current test appointment and reschedule their test appointment (on or after November 7) for a date on or after March 3
- **For candidates who have already registered and have scheduled a test appointment on or after March 3:**
    - Their test appointments will be cancelled. (They will be notified.)
    - They may then reschedule for a test date prior to March 3, 2014 (for the *current* test design).
    - Starting on November 7, they may schedule for a test date on or after March 3, 2014 (for the *new test design*).

PK-4 Test Design Fee changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for all three modules together = \$131 (currently \$110)</li> <li>for Module 3 taken separately = \$53 (currently \$46)</li> </ul> <b>January 14, 2014</b> -Fee increase goes into effect at the time of registration <b>March 3, 2014</b> -Test design change goes into effect		CURRENT (as of November 25, 2013)	FUTURE
<b>Module 1</b>	40 multiple-choice questions	45 min. 28 scorable 8 non-scorable	45 min. <b>32 scorable</b> <b>8 non-scorable</b>
	Break		15 min.
<b>Module 2</b>	50 multiple-choice questions	75 min. 40 scorable 10 non-scorable	75 min. <b>45 scorable</b> <b>5 non-scorable</b>
	Break		15 min
<b>Module 3</b>	50 multiple-choice questions (40 scorable, 10 non-scorable)	75 min. 40 scorable 10 non-scorable	<b>*90 min.</b> <b>45 scorable</b> <b>5 non-scorable</b>
<b>Total Test</b>	--	195 min.	<b>*210 min.</b>

**Summary PreK-4 Design Changes:**

- Time Changes
  - Two 15 minute scheduled breaks
  - 15 minutes of extra time for Module 3 whether scheduled separately or with other two modules
- Fee changes:
  - for all three modules together = \$131 (currently \$110)
  - for Module 3 taken separately = \$53 (currently \$46)
- No longer able to move between modules
  - cannot apply time saved on one module to a different module
  - ensures all candidates will have a standard amount of time for each module