

PAPA Test Information

PAPA Test Registration link: <http://www.pa.nesinc.com/>

Format	<p>Selected-response items and constructed-response assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: 36 selected-response items • Mathematics: 36 selected-response items • Writing: 36 selected-response items, 2 sentence correction assignments, and 1 extended-response assignment
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: 45 minutes • Mathematics: 75 minutes • Writing: 75 minutes <p>Examinees will also have 15 minutes for a computer-based testing tutorial.</p> <p>Examinees who take all three modules during a single test session will also have a 15-minute break between each module.</p>
Test Dates	By appointment, year round. Test appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Check real-time seat availability ↗ .
Test Sites	CBT sites are located in Pennsylvania, nationwide, and in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Canada. Locate a test center ↗ .
Qualifying Score	<p>Performance criterion (cutscore):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: 220 • Mathematics: 193 • Writing: 220
Reference Materials Provided for this Test	<p>A formulas page will be available during the Mathematics module. Review it now. 📄</p> <p>A standard on-screen calculator will be available during the Mathematics module. Read more. 📄</p>
Test Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: \$37 • Mathematics: \$44 • Writing: \$37 • All three modules: \$110 <p>Review test fee and payment information.</p>
Score Reporting	<p>Reading and Mathematics modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary test results are provided at the test center at the conclusion of your test session. • Score reports are available within 10 business days after testing. <p>Writing module: Score reports are available within 20 business days after testing.</p>
Testing Policies	When you register, you must agree to abide by all testing rules and policies. Read them now.
Prepare	View the preparation materials available for this test.

Effective September 1, 2012, the Pennsylvania Department of Education implemented the "Composite Score Option" for the Pre-service Academic Performance Assessments (PAPA). This option enables a candidate who may excel in one area such as mathematics, but who is not strong in another PAPA area, to receive a passing score on the PAPA series. Candidates who took a PAPA test on or after September 1, 2012, may be able to pass the PAPA series using this option.

On June 6, 2016, the Pennsylvania Department of Education announced that the qualifying score for PAPA Module 2: Mathematics had been re-established to a scaled score of 193, to be applied retroactively since the inception of the PECT program in April 2012. The Minimum Composite Scores have been revised accordingly.

The Minimum Scores required for the Composite Score Option are shown below.

Test Name	Test #	PAPA Qualifying Score	Minimum Composite Score
PAPA Reading	001	220	193
PAPA Mathematics	002	193	176
PAPA Writing	003	220	192
<p>Minimum Composite Score Total: 657</p> <p>The sum of the three PAPA test scores must total or exceed 657. This total does not represent the sum of the three minimum scores. Candidates must achieve the PAPA Qualifying Score in at least one area and also reach the Minimum Composite Score Total.</p>			

Candidates can also pass the PAPA series by the standard method of achieving the PAPA Qualifying Scores or higher on all three PAPA tests.