



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Computer-Based Test Administration for the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment**

The Board of Education has prescribed the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) as one of the professional teacher's assessments for initial licensure since 2006. The VCLA is composed of two area subtests – a Reading Subtest (091) and a Writing Subtest (092). The Reading Subtest is designed to measure comprehension and analysis of readings, outlining and summarizing skills, and ability to interpret tables and graphs. The Writing Subtest is designed to measure the development of ideas in essay form on specific topics and the mastery of grammar, mechanics, and vocabulary.

The National Evaluation Group of Pearson administers the VCLA. Beginning November 1, 2013, the VCLA will only be available via computer-based testing. Paper-based test administrations will no longer be given. Alternative testing arrangements, including a paper-based test, will continue to be available to candidates who qualify and provide the required supporting documentation to the National Evaluation Group of Pearson. The computer-based test sites are listed on the [VCLA Test Sites](#) Web page and test dates may be accessed on the [VCLA Test Dates](#) Web page.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding testing arrangements for the VCLA, please contact the National Evaluation Systems' VCLA customer service at (866) 613-3292 or (413) 256-2888.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding professional licensure assessments, please contact Dr. Mark R. Allan, director of licensure and school leadership, via e-mail at [Mark.Allan@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Mark.Allan@doe.virginia.gov) or telephone at (804) 371-2471.

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