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**Commonwealth of Virginia**  
**Virginia Department of Education**  
Superintendent's Memo #091-22

DATE: April 29, 2022  
TO: Division Superintendents  
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
SUBJECT: **Approved Passing Score for the Praxis® Mathematics (5165) Test for the Mathematics Endorsement**

The Virginia Board of Education prescribes the professional teacher's assessment requirements for initial licensure as set forth in Section 22.1-298.1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The Praxis assessment currently required for individuals seeking an initial license with an endorsement in Mathematics is the Praxis® Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161) Test. Effective September 1, 2022, the Praxis® Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161) Test will be replaced by the new Praxis® Mathematics (5165) Test developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), which administers the Praxis assessments.

On March 17, 2022, the Virginia Board of Education adopted the Praxis® Mathematics (5165) Test as the prescribed assessment for the Mathematics endorsement, and approved the passing score of **159**. Through August 31, 2022, individuals may take either the Praxis® Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161) Test or the new Praxis® Mathematics (5165) Test. Effective September 1, 2022, only the new Praxis® Mathematics (5165) Test will be accepted as the prescribed assessment for the Mathematics endorsement in Virginia. Beginning September 1, 2022, the Praxis® Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161) Test will only be accepted for individuals who took and passed the test during the period it was prescribed by the Board of Education.

Additional information regarding [professional teacher's assessments](#) in Virginia may be found on the Virginia Department of Education's [Office of Licensure and School Leadership webpage](#).

### For more information

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Maggie Clemmons, Director of Licensure and School Leadership, via e-mail at [Maggie.Clemmons@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Maggie.Clemmons@doe.virginia.gov) or telephone at 804-371-2471.

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