

DESE MTEL AND LICENSURE UPDATES

New Regulations for Education of English Learners, Educator Licensure and Preparation Programs, and Recertification

New teacher licensure and renewal laws and regulations were approved in Massachusetts as part of a comprehensive redesign of standards and knowledge essential for core academic teachers who provide sheltered English instruction to English language learners. The [Sheltered English Immersion \(SEI\) Teacher Endorsement](#) is a credential that evidences a teacher's training to provide subject matter content instruction in English to a student learning English. All core academic teachers of ELLs will be required to hold an SEI endorsement as of July 2016. Please go to the [ESE website](#) to review the new regulations.

All MTELEs to Computer-Based Testing (CBT)

Beginning September 2012, a total of six MTEL tests will be available ONLY on computer:

- Communication & Literacy Skills (Reading and Writing subtests)*
- Foundations of Reading*
- General Curriculum (Multi-Subject and Mathematics subtests)*
- Early Childhood*
- English**
- History**

* Tests will be available for scheduling year-round.

** Tests will be available for scheduling during six two-week windows throughout the program year.

Candidates can schedule computer based test dates via the MTEL website. Tests are taken on a computer at a professional testing site; CBT locations, addresses, and real-time seat availability can be accessed at [Pearson Vue](#). About 12 additional tests will be available on computer by fall 2013.

The [MTEL program website](#) has more details and an [on-screen tutorial](#). There is an additional computer testing service fee of \$25. There are no late or emergency registration fees with computer testing since candidates will be responsible for registering for their own testing appointment--but slots fill up quickly, so plan accordingly and register early.

Conditional Pass for General Curriculum Math no longer available

Candidates must earn a 240 to receive a passing score on the General Curriculum Math subtest.

Alert: Candidates who earn a Conditional Pass on General Curriculum Math Subtest will not be able to move a Preliminary license to Initial until scoring 240 on the subtest

Candidates who earn a scaled score of 227-239 on the General Curriculum Math Subtest will have passed the subtest for the purpose of their *first stage* of licensure (referred to as a "conditional pass"). These candidates must retake the math subtest and earn a score of 240 in order to renew their license or **move up to the next stage of licensure**.