
ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Certification and Professional Preparation

SPECIAL NOTE TO OUT-OF-STATE CANDIDATES

Regarding the Basic Skills Test

Individuals who hold a *valid, comparable certificate* from another state, possession, or territory of the United States who apply for Illinois certification on or after July 1, 2004, will **not** be required to pass the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) Basic Skills Test **if** they meet the following criteria:

IF: They have not previously attempted and failed the ICTS Basic Skills test;

AND: They meet one of the following conditions:

(1) The out-of-state certificate was issued before June 30, 2004

OR

(2) The individual was required to pass a test of basic skills to obtain the certificate from the other state.

Regarding the Content-Area Tests

Individuals who hold a *valid, comparable certificate* from another state, possession or territory of the United States who apply for Illinois certification on or after July 1, 2004, will **not** be required to pass the ICTS Content-Area test:

IF: They passed an out-of state test in the *same content* area in which they meet Illinois endorsement requirements;

AND: The test was required for certification by the other state.

Regarding the Assessment of Professional Teaching Tests

Out-of-state certificate holders are **not exempt** from taking the Assessment of Professional Teaching test that is required of candidates seeking the early childhood, elementary, secondary, and special teaching certificates.

To Qualify for a Test Waiver

Applicants must have the out-of-state certification authority verify the test that was passed and that it was required for certification. See ISBE form 73-99, "Confirmation of State Certification Tests Taken", which is available at www.isbe.net/certification. For further information about this waiver, contact your regional office of education.