



Illinois Certification Testing System

SCORE REPORT EXPLANATION

Content-Area Tests

(For all content-area fields except foreign language fields)

Overview

Your score report provides information regarding the content-area test you took at the recent administration of the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS). The report includes information regarding your Pass/Did Not Pass status for that test, your performance on the test as a whole, and your performance on the major subareas of the test. Your scores are reported to you, to the Illinois State Board of Education, and to the institution(s) you indicated during the registration process.

The content-area tests each contain 125 multiple-choice test questions.

Total Test Score

Scores for the content-area tests are reported on a scale from 100 to 300. A total test scaled score of 240 or above is required to pass these tests. Candidates with a total test score below 240 do not pass the test. Each multiple-choice test question counts the same toward the total score. You do not "lose" any points for wrong answers. Your total test score is based on the **total** number of test questions you answered correctly.

Subarea Scores

The scores listed in the "Subarea" section are also reported on a scale from 100 to 300 and are intended to provide you with feedback on your performance in the major subareas of the test. This information is descriptive only and will help you assess your areas of strength and weakness. Generally, a score at or above 240 on a given subarea indicates satisfactory performance within that subarea. You do not have to "pass" each subarea or section of the test—there is no "passing" score associated with individual subareas.

Subareas with more objectives receive more coverage on the test. Because subareas have different numbers of test questions, it is not possible to average your performance across subareas to arrive at the total test score. Your total test score is **not** an average of your subarea scores.

See the Illinois Certification Testing System content-area test study guides for further information on how your tests are scored. Study guides are available on the ICTS Web site at www.icts.nesinc.com.

Passing Scores

The passing scores for the ICTS were established by the Illinois State Board of Education with input from Illinois educators.

How to Request a Rescore of Your Test

All answer documents for these multiple-choice tests are scored by computer and, as such, are virtually error free. However, if you think an error has been made on your test score(s), you may request a rescore of your multiple-choice answer document. The fee for rescoring a multiple-choice answer document is \$35. Payment must be made by personal check, cashier's check, or money order only. A request for rescoring a multiple-choice answer document must be made in writing. The written request and appropriate payment made out to Evaluation Systems must be mailed and postmarked within three months of the score report date.

If you have questions regarding **PROGRAM POLICIES** or **WHICH TEST(S)** you must take, contact your college advisor, certification officer, or a regional office of education or visit the Illinois State Board of Education Web site at www.isbe.net/teachers.htm.