



To: SBE  
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Re: Foundations of Reading 2021

## Foundations of Reading (K-12) Assessment

Current Foundations of Reading (K-12) Assessment:	Proposed Foundations of Reading (K-12) Assessment:
Foundations of Reading (SA090)	Foundations of Reading (SA190) Recommended Cut Score: 233
	Effective August 28, 2021

## Rationale

The current licensure assessment of scientific reading instruction is the Pearson Foundations of Reading (SA090). The SA090 was updated. The new test is the Pearson Foundations of Reading (SA190). According to documentation provided by Pearson Education, Inc., the test was updated in order to:

- Maintain alignment with national standards in reading instruction.
  - Standards for the Preparation of Literacy Professionals (updated 2017), International Literacy Association
  - Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading (updated 2018), International Dyslexia Association
- Maintain alignment with current, convergent, scientifically based research in reading development and instruction.
- Increase emphasis on evidence-based instructional strategies.
- Increase emphasis on instruction that supports students' development of self-efficacy and independence in reading grade-level, complex academic texts.
- Increase emphasis on differentiated instruction and classroom interventions and extensions in order to address the reading needs of all students

Representatives from Pearson facilitated a test framework review with Department reading specialists in January and higher education literacy faculty in February 2021. From discussion and feedback during the test reviews, the recommended teaching reading licensure test is the Pearson Foundations of Reading (SA190).

To be consistent with current cut score practices, the Department recommends a -1 Standard error of measurement (SEM) score of 233 effective August 28, 2021.