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NOTE: Capitalization denotes statutory language.

SUBPART I: ILLINOIS CERTIFICATION TESTING SYSTEM

Section 25.725 Applicability of Scores

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a) Each person seeking certification in Illinois must pass the test of basic skills.

b) Each person seeking certification must pass the appropriate test of subject matter knowledge, as set forth in Section 25.720(b) and (c) of this Part, for each certificate sought.

c) For each person seeking his or her first Illinois certificate, neither the score on the subareas of the basic skills test nor the score on the subject matter test may be more than five years old at the time application is made. The five-year period shall be calculated from the date the test was taken and passed to the date of receipt of the application by the State Board of Education. Scores more than five years old will not be accepted as part of an application.

d) A person who has passed the basic skills test and has been issued a certificate shall not be required to retake the basic skills test when seeking any subsequent certificate.
e) For persons seeking subsequent certificates, the subject matter test score upon which each application is based shall be no more than five years old, such five-year period to be calculated from the date the test was taken and passed to the date of receipt of the application by the State Board of Education. Scores more than five years old will not be accepted as part of an application.

f) Any person may retake any test during any subsequent, regularly scheduled administration of that test, subject only to registration in accordance with the provisions of this Subpart.

(Source: Emergency amendment at 25 Ill. Reg. ____,
effective _____________, for a maximum of 150 days)

Section 25.760 Passing Score
EMERGENCY

a) The passing raw score will be established for each test by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, based upon the professional judgments and recommendations of committees of Illinois educators about the acceptable, minimal level of performance for entry-level educators in Illinois classrooms.

b) The raw score for each test of subject matter knowledge and for each subarea of the test of basic skills shall be transformed to a scaled score ranging from 0 to 100, with 70 established as the passing score. The passing raw score shall always be equal to a scaled score of 70. The following formula shall be used to transform raw scores to scaled scores, where MAX means the maximum raw score, CUT means the passing raw score and X means the number of items correct:

1) If X is greater than or equal to CUT, then the scaled score is $70 + 30\left(\frac{X - \text{CUT}}{\text{MAX} - \text{CUT}}\right)$.

2) If X is less than CUT, then the scaled score is $70X/\text{CUT}$. 
c) Scaled scores are rounded to the nearest integer except between 69 and 70. To ensure that a score just below passing is not equated with a scaled score of 70, scaled scores between 69 and 70 will be considered 69.

d) In order to pass the basic skills test, a person must receive a passing score on each of the subarea tests during a single test administration. A person failing to pass any one of the subarea tests shall be required to retake all four subarea tests.

(Source: Emergency amendment at 25 Ill. Reg. ____., effective ____________, for a maximum of 150 days)