

Massachusetts CTE Teacher Testing Program Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost to take the written test?

The fees for the written test are as follows:

Non-Refundable Registration Fee (applicable for each registration)	\$50.00
Written Exam Fee	\$125.00
Written Exam Retake Fee	\$125.00
Refund Processing Fee	\$25.00
Rescore Fee In the instance of an exam being scored with incorrect test-taker provided information, the candidate will be subject to a rescore fee for necessary corrections.	\$20.00

If I previously passed the written test at Greater Lowell, do I have to retake the written test with NOCTI?

No. If you have previously taken and passed the written test through Greater Lowell Regional Technical School, then you may go straight to taking the performance with NOCTI. NOCTI will confirm with the Department your passing score on the written test and eligibility to take the performance test.

I previously passed the written and performance tests at Greater Lowell but have not yet earned my Preliminary license. Do I need to re-take the written and performance test with NOCTI?

No. If you have previously taken and passed the subject matter knowledge tests through Greater Lowell, you do not need to retake them with NOCTI. The Licensure Office will have record of your passing scores on the test and add them to your application accordingly. However, know that if you choose to pursue a license in another field, (for instance, if you hold an Automotive Technology, 9-14, license and decide to pursue an Automotive Collision and Repair, 9-14, license), then you will need to take the appropriate tests for the new license field with NOCTI.

I am applying for a teaching license in a field that also requires an occupational license issued by another agency (e.g. Cosmetology). Am I still required to take the written and performance test?

Yes. Achieving a passing score on the written and performance test is still required even if the applicant holds licenses/certifications that required testing from other agencies.

I passed the written test but then failed the performance test. Do I need to retake the written test before I may retake the performance test?

No. Once you have passed the written test, you do not need to retake it. If you fail the performance test, you may retake the performance test.

Can I take the test at home, online, or do I have to visit a test center?

Remote proctoring is required for all written tests. Please refer to the testing handbook on the NOCTI website for additional information on the remote proctoring procedure.

How often can I take the test?

There is no limit to the number of times that an educator can retake a test that they have failed. However, educators will not be allowed to retake a test that they have failed until a minimum of 45 days after the failed attempt.

I have a documented disability. How can I request a testing accommodation?

Test takers will be able to request testing accommodations at the time of registration. For additional information on policies/procedures on the matter please refer to the testing guidelines or contact NOCTI at: nocti@nocti.org

Is there test preparation material, like a practice/sample test that I can review before I take the test?

Yes. Test preparation materials can be found on the NOCTI website by clicking on the name of the exam you are attempting to take. The NOCTI website is: www.nocti.org/credentials/state-programs/massachusetts/

How long will it take for me to get my test results?

A score report for the written test is provided immediately upon completion of the written exam. NOCTI will provide test results to DESE within 10 days of the exam.

If I fail the test by just a point or two, is there a way to have the test rescored, appealed or go through an alternative assessment?

The MA CTE Teacher Testing Program appeal process is intended for use in the event of extenuating circumstances or exam irregularities to rectify any exam irregularities resulting from the possible incorrect and non-standardized administration of an exam. This process is not for use to challenge the content of the exams as they are aligned with the MA CTE Frameworks. For more information on this process, please refer to the Testing Handbook.

I'm trying to expedite the issuance of my license. Can I submit the score report to the Licensing Office as proof that I passed the test?

No. While we advise educators to keep a copy of their test results for their personal records, the Licensure Office may only use the electronic scores submitted by NOCTI as the official evidence of a passing score on the test. The test results will be submitted to the Licensure Office within 10 days of the exam and at that point, the Licensure Office will update your license application.

I also need to take either the Communication and Literacy Skills Test or the Vocational Technical Literacy Skills Test. Do I sign up for these exams with NOCTI?

No. The proctoring of the CLST and the VTLST exams is handled by Pearson Education Inc. Information on these tests, including how to register for the test can be found here: www.mtel.nesinc.com



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