MA CTE Teacher Testing Program
Written Exam Administration at a Glance

Massachusetts is committed to ensuring excellence within its schools and supporting and developing its educator workforce. Massachusetts is a national leader in education, and is continuously looking for inspired, innovative, and nurturing individuals to join the state's schools. The CTE Teacher Testing Program plays a critical role in the teacher licensure process and includes both a written and a performance exam. The technical specific written and performance exams assess the teacher candidate's minimum competency under M.G.L. Chapter 74, Regulations, and associated guidelines.
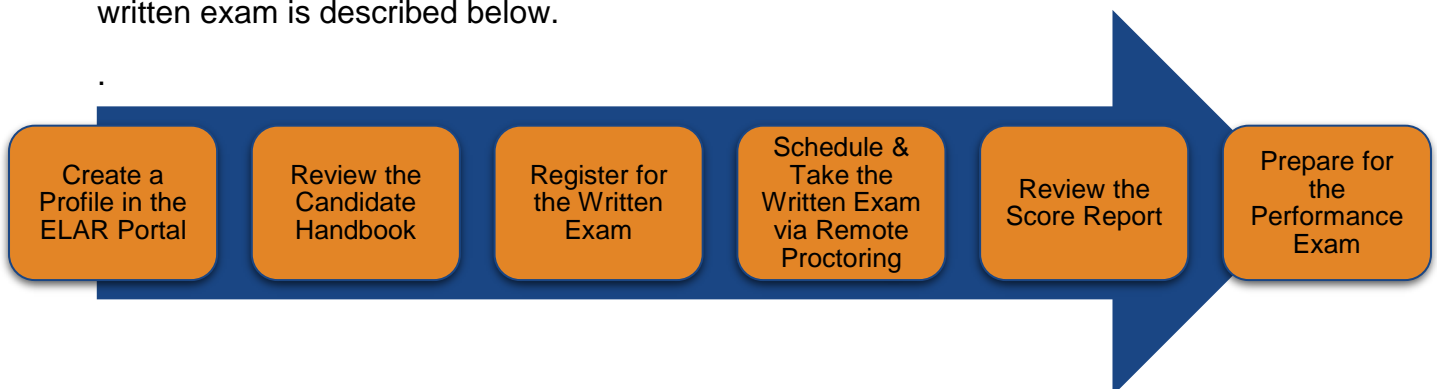
The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has collaborated with NOCTI, a leading provider of industry credentials and resources for career and technical education (CTE) programs across the nation, to manage the state's CTE Teacher Testing Program. NOCTI is overseeing the registration and exam administration processes to ensure each teacher candidate is provided an equal and consistent testing experience across the state.

Getting Started

The Massachusetts State Program webpage accessed through NOCTI's site provides access to:

- The MA CTE Teacher Testing Candidate Handbook, containing detailed information about the MA CTE Teacher Testing Program
- Exam outlines, providing content coverage, reference materials, and sample items
- The written exam registration form, used to register for the administration of the desired exam(s)

NOCTI and DESE encourage you to review the information provided to prepare for exam administration. The easy-to-use process for registering for the technical specific written exam is described below.

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Create a Profile in the ELAR Portal

Candidates must obtain a Massachusetts Education Personnel ID (MEPID) through the Educator Licensure and Renewal (ELAR) portal prior to submitting a registration form to NOCTI. A user profile is primarily used for licensure and job matching functions found in ELAR.

The following information will be required when creating an ELAR profile:
- Last Name
- First Name
- Social Security Number (SSN)
- Date of Birth
- First Line of Street Address

After creating an ELAR profile, keep your username and password stored in a secure location for future reference. Once a MEPID is assigned, the registration process for the written exam can begin with NOCTI.

Review the Candidate Handbook

Part of getting started includes having a full understanding of the MA CTE Teacher Testing Program. The MA CTE Teacher Testing Program Candidate Handbook contains detailed information necessary to the licensure process. Candidates are strongly encouraged to keep this guide on hand as a reference for answering questions regarding the testing process for both the written and performance exams.

Register for the Written Exam

Registering through NOCTI is quick and easy! With NOCTI's electronic registration form, it is easy to submit your request to take an exam. NOCTI will confirm receipt of exam registration and provide an invoice with payment instructions. Once payment is received, the testing session can be scheduled. Pricing and payment specifics are available in the candidate handbook.

Schedule & Take the Written Exam via Remote Proctoring

Exams are administered through NOCTI's online testing system via remote proctoring with NOCTI's partner ExamRoom.AI. Once NOCTI has received payment, notification will be sent to ExamRoom.AI and a representative will reach out directly to the exam candidate with scheduling and testing details. Candidates have the flexibility to select the day and time for administration that best fits their schedule.

On testing day, plan for a three-hour testing session. A full list of expectations to participate in a remote proctoring session can be accessed in the candidate handbook. Candidates must have a stable internet connection and will be required to present a picture ID. Candidates must have a clear workspace, close all third-party programs, and unplug any secondary monitors. Additional Information on what to expect can be found in the instructions provided by ExamRoom.AI after scheduling a testing session.

Review the Score Report

A score is provided in the online testing system, immediately upon completion of the written exam and can be emailed by entering an email address or printed. The passing score for the written exam is 70%. NOCTI will provide candidate scores to DESE within 10 business days of the exam date.

Prepare for the Performance Exam

The performance exams provide an opportunity for candidates to demonstrate their skills by completing actual jobs using the tools, materials, machines, and equipment related to the occupation.

Candidates must pass the written exam prior to registering for a performance exam. Upon the successful completion of a written exam, instructions for registering for a performance exam will be provided to the candidate.

The exam outlines can be used to prepare for the performance exam as they provide percentage breakdowns of content coverage, candidate-supplied materials required, performance exam requirements, and reference materials.

Questions?

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