

July 31, 2009

To: Superintendents, HR Directors, and Principals

From: Connie J. Pollard, Executive Director  
Professional Teaching Standards Board (PTSB)

Re: PRAXIS requirements for 1<sup>st</sup> time licensees

The following applicants are required to submit a passing score on a PRAXIS exam to obtain a Wyoming Educator License.

- Elementary education majors who are *applying for their first teaching license.*
  - An applicant who has held a teaching certificate from another state will not be required to submit a passing score on the PRAXIS 0011 to obtain a Wyoming Educator License
  - Applicants who do not need to submit a passing score on the PRAXIS to obtain their license do need to submit proof of “highly qualified” to their district. The district must then submit this documentation to Carol Illian at WDE.
    - Proof of HQT may be,
      - 1) a passing score on the PRAXIS 0011 or
      - 2) a passing score on any state required test that was required in order for the applicant to obtain certification in that state, or
      - 3) a letter verifying their HQT status from their previous district or state.
  
- Social Study Composite majors who are *applying for their first teaching license.*
  - An applicant who has held a teaching certificate from another state will not be required to submit a passing score on the PRAXIS 0081 to obtain a Wyoming Educator License
  - Applicants who do not need to submit a passing score on the PRAXIS to obtain their license do need to submit proof of “highly qualified” to their district. The district must then submit this documentation to Carol Illian at WDE.
    - Proof of HQT may be,
      - 1) a passing score on the PRAXIS 0081 or
      - 2) a passing score on any state required test that was required in order for the applicant to obtain certification in that state, or
      - 3) a letter verifying their HQT status from their previous district or state.