Responses to Questions from Webinar 2

WEBINAR 2 AIRED ON 9/9/14
Q: What does “pre-authorization” mean?

A: Test registration completed in 2 steps. First, the individual must register and pay for a test. After that first step is completed, the individual is considered to have “pre-authorization”. The second step is to actually select an appointment date and time. Please note that ISBE does not pre-authorize individuals to test. The entire registration process is completed online at www.icts.nesinc.com.
**Q:** Can a student take just the writing portion of the ACT and combine it with an earlier ACT score that does not include writing?

**A:** The ACT/SAT assessments are not comprised of stand alone subtests like the TAP. We can only accept an ACT/SAT score in lieu of the TAP that was taken on one date at one test administration.
Q: Will the edTPA replace the APT or will both be required for licensure?

A: Both the APT and the edTPA will be required for licensure beginning September 1, 2015. We anticipate that the APT will be phased out in a few years.

Q: Can an individual graduate without passing the edTPA and not be eligible for licensure?

A: Yes. Please refer to the memo from Dr. Harry Berman and State Superintendent Chris Koch dated March 26, 2013. (A copy of this memo will be sent to you along with the Q and A document).
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- **Q:** We have a candidate who is double majoring in Elementary Education and Secondary Mathematics. She will split her student teaching requirements between two placements—one at the Elementary level and the other at the Secondary level. Since she is completing both program *simultaneously*, does she just complete the edTPA for one program? If so, which one?

- **A:** Such a candidate need only complete an edTPA for one program. The institution can direct her as to which assessment to take or leave it up to the candidate.
**Q:** James will student teach in Spring 2015. He has outstanding coursework that he will complete in Fall 2015 which means that we will entitle him after September 1, 2015. Can James take the edTPA in the Spring?

**A:** Yes. Because you plan to entitle him after September 1, 2015, the edTPA is required. He should take the edTPA while student teaching in Spring 2015.
ACT Plus Writing and SAT in Lieu of the TAP

For more information about the ACT Plus Writing/SAT requirements in lieu of the TAP, please visit our website at http://www.isbe.net/licensure/html/testing.htm#scores.
Test Validity Periods

Q: What if a candidate does not complete the program within 10 years. Will he/she need to retake the TAP?

A: If the TAP was within the 10 year validity period when the individual was admitted (if required by the institution) or was no older than 10 years at the time the candidate started to student teach, the TAP will remain valid for entitlement.
Q: For those seeking a LBS I endorsement, when is the special education general curriculum test required?

A: In addition to the LBS I test, the special education general curriculum test is required when one is completing a full program leading to a Pre K-Age 21 endorsement in LBS I. Individuals who want to add an LBS I endorsement to their existing license at the grade range of their endorsement do not need to take the Special Education General Curriculum Test.
• **Q:** Approved programs in foreign language require the ACTFL Oral Proficiency interview. Has the score for the ACTFL Oral Proficiency interview been raised to “advanced low”?

• **A:** Illinois Administrative Rules have not changed regarding the ACTFL. It is a preparation requirement. Please see 25.147 b. The rule states that the candidate must achieve a score of “intermediate high”.