

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel—PRAXIS Social Studies Exam Scores
(LAC 28:CXXXI.101)

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 17:6(A)(10) and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has amended LAC 28:CXXXI in *Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*. The revisions further clarify social studies PRAXIS exam requirements approved by BESE in June 2019, which align the required social studies passing score with passing scores recommended by the Educational Testing Service. Specifically, the revisions indicate that specific PRAXIS scores achieved 12 months prior to the effective date will be accepted for purposes of educator certification, as not to penalize individuals who were administered the assessment prior to the revision. This Declaration of Emergency, adopted and effective on August 14, 2019 will remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until adopted as a final Rule.

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Chapter 1. Introduction

§101. Purpose

A. - B. ...

C. Certification policies are adopted and implemented in a manner, and with a timeline, that allows for a smooth transition from old to new requirements. Any certification change made by the BESE will include implementation dates to be specified at the time of recommendation to the BESE for action. In particular:

1. If the passing score for a specific Praxis exam increases, there will be a 12-month period from the date of adoption by the BESE to the effective date.

2. If the passing score for a specific Praxis exam decreases, scores achieved up to 12 months prior to the effective date adopted by the BESE will be accepted.

D. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6(A)(10), (11), and (15), 17:7(6), 17:10, 17:22(6), 17:391.1-391.10, and 17:411.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 32:1782 (October 2006), amended LR 43:1290 (July 2017), LR 45:

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