



## SCORE REPORT EXPLANATION

Your score report provides information regarding the test(s) you took at the recent administration of the New Mexico Teacher Assessments™. You will receive a separate score report for each test that you took. Each score report includes information regarding your Pass/Did Not Pass status for that test, your performance on the test as a whole, and your performance on the major content areas of the test. Your test scores are reported to you and to the State of New Mexico Public Education Department. Scores will also be reported to the institution indicated during registration, unless the institution declares that you are not affiliated with the institution.

### Interpreting Your Total Test Scores

All New Mexico Teacher Assessments are reported using the same scale. Your results for each test are reported as a score in the range of 100 to 300, based on your performance on all sections of the test. A scaled total test score of 240 represents the scaled minimum passing score for the test. A candidate with a scaled total test score of 240 or above passes the test. A candidate with a scaled total test score below 240 does not pass the test. The minimum passing scores have been established, with input from New Mexico educators, by the New Mexico State Board of Education (for tests first administered prior to September 11, 2004) or by the State of New Mexico Public Education Department (for tests administered for the first time on or after September 11, 2004).

### Interpreting Your Subarea Scores

The scores listed in the "subarea" portion of your score report are also reported on the 100 to 300 scale and are intended to provide you with feedback on your performance in the major content areas of the test. These scores are also presented on a graph. In general, performance in the 240 to 300 range indicates an area of relative strength, while performance below 240 suggests an area where you may need additional preparation.

Subareas have different numbers of test questions, therefore, it is not possible to average your performance across subareas to arrive at the total test score. Your total test score is based on the *total* number of test questions you answered correctly. You do not "lose" any points for wrong answers. Each selected-response question counts the same toward the total test score. You do not have to "pass" each subarea on the test in order to meet the minimum passing score.

### Constructed-Response Assignment Scores

Constructed-response assignments (including both the extended-response and restricted-response components of the Teacher Competency assessments and both the written and oral constructed-response assignments of the language tests) are scored by at least two qualified educators with relevant professional backgrounds. Scorers are unaware of the identity of the individuals whose responses they score. Scorers receive extensive training in standardized scoring procedures and take a qualifying assessment to ensure that they are ready to score. A score is assigned to each response based on a scale that describes various levels of performance. Scorers judge the knowledge and skills contained in each response while focusing on a set of characteristics that have been defined by New Mexico educators as important for the test. Scorers are trained to provide an overall judgment, not to indicate specific errors. The score for each constructed-response assignment is converted to a scale of 100 to 300, with 240 or above representing acceptable performance on the assignment. If a candidate's response is completely blank, unrelated to the assigned topic, illegible or incomprehensible, in a language other than English (or, for language tests, the target language), of insufficient length to score, or otherwise unscorable, the candidate will receive a score of "U" (unscorable) and may not pass the test. The performance characteristics against which responses are scored are defined in the New Mexico Teacher Assessments Study Guide. Study Guides may be viewed or downloaded from the New Mexico Teacher Assessments Web site at [www.nmta.nesinc.com](http://www.nmta.nesinc.com).

### How to Request a Rescore of Your Test

All answer documents for the selected-response test sections are scored by computer and, as such, the scoring of these sections is virtually error free. However, if you think an error has been made on your test score(s), you may request a rescore of your selected-response answer document. The fee for rescoring each selected-response answer document is \$31. A request for rescoring a selected-response answer document must be made in writing. The written request and correct payment to National Evaluation Systems (NES®) must be postmarked within three months of the score report mailing date. As a part of the scoring process for the constructed-response assignments, responses are scored by multiple scorers and, in essence, have already been rescored. Hence, there is no rescoring service for the constructed-response assignments.

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