

FACT SHEET

WHAT is the Assessment of Professional Teaching (APT)?

The APT assesses candidates on the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards and the language arts and technology standards for all teachers.

WHO must take the test?

- ➔ Candidates completing approved teacher preparation programs in the state of Illinois whose applications for certification are received on or after October 1, 2003.
 - Includes individuals who completed programs before October 1, 2003, but whose *applications are received after* October 1, 2003.
- ➔ Candidates who hold Illinois certificates and seek a new certificate—*which covers a different grade range than the certificate held*—and whose application for certification is received on or after October 1, 2003. For example:
 - An individual who holds an Elementary K-9 certificate and applies for a Secondary 6-12 certificate will be required to take the APT: Grades 6-12 (APT: Grades K-12 also accepted) because the certificate held does not cover the grade range of the new certificate.
 - An individual who holds an Elementary K-9 certificate and applies for a Special K-12 certificate will be required to take the APT: Grades 6-12 (APT: Grades K-12 also accepted) because the certificate held does not cover the grade range of the new certificate.
 - An individual who holds a Special K-12 certificate and applies for an Elementary K-9 certificate will not be required to take the APT because the certificate held does cover the grade range of the new certificate.
- ➔ All candidates from out-of-state making application for their first Illinois early childhood, elementary, secondary or special certificate on or after October 1, 2003.

WHICH version of the APT? There are 4 versions of the test—APT: Grades Birth to Grade 3, APT: Grades K-9, APT: Grades 6-12, and APT: Grades K-12. The type of certificate sought determines which version of the test is required.

Certificate Sought	Level of APT Required
Early Childhood (Birth to Grade 3)	APT: Birth to Grade 3
Elementary (K-9)	APT: Grades K-9 (APT: Grades K-12 also accepted)
Secondary (6-12)	APT: Grades 6-12 (APT: Grades K-12 also accepted)
Special (K-12) or (P-21)	APT: Grades K-12

WHERE can you find more information? The APT test framework (which describes the content covered on the test), test registration information, and the APT study guide may be found at: www.icts.nesinc.com.

Note: The APT requirement is in addition to the requirement for passing the basic skills and content-knowledge tests.