

TEST RESULTS EXPLANATION

Contents of Your Test Results Report

Your test results report provides information about your performance on the California Teacher of English Learners® (CTEL®) Examination. For each subtest taken on the test date indicated, your test results report includes your passing status and, if you did not pass, your total subtest score. Your test results report also includes summary information about CTEL Examination subtests passed to date. The reverse side of your test results report contains diagnostic information for each subtest taken to provide you with information about your areas of strength and weakness in each subtest section.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The information on your test results report is intended for use only in teacher credentialing. To preclude the use of CTEL Examination scores for purposes other than credentialing (e.g., employment, assignment), passing subtest scores are not provided on test results reports. CTEL scores must be used toward a California credential within ten years of the test date.

Subtest Scores

Each subtest is scored separately. The minimum passing score for each subtest was established by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing based on recommendations from California teachers and teacher educators. Passing status is determined on the basis of total subtest performance, which includes performance on both the multiple-choice section and the constructed-response section of the subtest. Subtest results are reported as scaled scores. A scaled score is based on the number of raw score points earned on each section; the multiple-choice section is weighted 70% and the constructed-response section is weighted 30%. Raw scores are converted to a scale of 100–300, with a scaled score of 220 representing the minimum passing score.

Reporting of CTEL Examination Results

Your CTEL results have been sent to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Your CTEL results will also be sent to the institution, if any, that you indicated when you registered for the CTEL, and to any other institution or office authorized by you or required by law, entity, or person required or authorized by law to receive this information.

To protect the confidentiality of your CTEL results, they will not be provided to anyone over the telephone or by fax and will not be released to anyone without your written permission unless required by law.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Only you will receive a full test results report, containing your passing status, scaled scores (if not passed), and diagnostic feedback. Any institution that you indicated when you registered will only receive your passing status and scaled scores (if not passed).

Scoring

Responses to multiple-choice questions are machine scored as correct or incorrect. Multiple-choice section scores are based on the number of correct answers. Responses to the constructed-response assignments are scored by at least two qualified California educators using standardized procedures. Scorers focus on the extent to which a response fulfills the following performance characteristics:

- **Purpose:** The response fulfills the charge of the assignment in relation to the relevant CTEL Examination Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities.
- **Application of Content:** The response accurately and effectively applies the relevant CTEL Examination Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities.
- **Support:** The response is supported with appropriate examples and/or sound reasoning reflecting an understanding of the relevant CTEL Examination Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities.

The CTEL Examination study guide contains the Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities for the CTEL Examination and information about performance characteristics and the scoring of constructed-response assignments. The CTEL Examination study guide may be viewed or downloaded free of charge at the California Educator Credentialing Examinations website at www.ctcexams.nesinc.com.