

Table 155. States requiring testing for initial certification of teachers, by skills or knowledge assessment: 1990 and 2002

State	Assessment for certification, 1990				Assessment for certification, 2002				
	Basic skills exam	Subject matter exam	Knowledge of teaching exam	Assessment of teaching performance	Basic skills exam	Subject matter exam	General knowledge exam	Knowledge of teaching exam	Assessment of teaching performance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Alabama					(1)	(2)		(2)	X
Alaska					X				
Arizona	X		X			X		X	X
Arkansas		X	X		X	X		X	X
California	X	X			X	(3)			
Colorado	X			X		X			
Connecticut	X	X		X	X	X			
Delaware	X				X				
District of Columbia	X	X			X	X			X
Florida		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Georgia		X		X	X	X			
Hawaii	X	X	X		X	X		X	
Idaho		X	X						
Illinois		X	X		X	X			
Indiana	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Iowa	X	X	X	X					
Kansas	X		X					X	
Kentucky				X	(1)				X
Louisiana	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Maine	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Maryland	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
Massachusetts		(4)				(4)			
Michigan					X	X	(5)		
Minnesota	X				X		X	X	
Mississippi		X	X	X		X		X	
Missouri		X			(1)	X		(6)	
Montana	X		X		X				
Nebraska	X				X				
Nevada	X	X	X		X	X		X	
New Hampshire	X				X	X			
New Jersey		X				X	(7)		X
New Mexico	X		X	X	X		X	X	
New York	X		X				X	X	
North Carolina				X	(1)	X			
North Dakota					(1)		X	X	
Ohio ⁸		X	X			X		X	X
Oklahoma				X	X	X	X	(9)	X
Oregon	X	X	X	X	X	X			(10)
Pennsylvania	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Rhode Island ¹¹	X		X	X			X		
South Carolina			X	X	X	X		X	X
South Dakota ¹²					X	X			X
Tennessee				X	(13)	X		X	X
Texas ¹⁴		X	X			X		X	
Utah								(15)	
Vermont					X				
Virginia	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Washington				X	(1)				
West Virginia	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
Wisconsin	X				X				
Wyoming									

¹ For admission to teacher education program.
² Institution's exit exam.
³ Subject matter exam or completion of an approved subject matter program.
⁴ In 1990, test required for foreign language, bilingual, and English as a Second Language. In 2002, two-part exam covers communication and literacy skills and the subject matter knowledge for the certificate.
⁵ Elementary certificate exam (subject-area exam).
⁶ If no subject knowledge assessment is designated.
⁷ For elementary education.
⁸ Test requirements in 1990 set by school districts.
⁹ Required for standard certificate.
¹⁰ For Oregon graduates.
¹¹ Principles of Learning Teaching Test (K-6) or (7-12).
¹² Required within the institutional program requirements.
¹³ Basic skills exams in reading, math, and writing are covered in the Praxis Pre-professional Skills Test.
¹⁴ Screening for admission to a teacher preparation program includes college level skills in reading, oral and written communication, critical thinking, and mathematics.
¹⁵ Entry year requirement.
 SOURCE: Council of Chief State School Officers, "State Education Indicators, 1990;" and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, "The NASDTEC Manual 2002: Manual on Certification & Preparation of Educational Personnel in the United States & Canada." (This table was prepared August 2002.)