**VSBPE**

**Date: March 9, 2022**

**Item:** **Adoption of Praxis II Annual Changes**

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBPE adopt the updated Praxis II Content tests for Science, Math, School Psychology and Russian Language

**AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the VSBPE adopt** **the updated Praxis II Content tests based on ETS’s Annual Changes process for the 2022/2023 academic year.**

**BACKGROUND: ETS is discontinuing the use of several Praxis II Content test for Science, Math and School Psychology, and replacing them with the new tests based on updated national standards. Additionally, ETS is developing a Praxis II Content Test for Russian Language. The cut scores come recommended through ETS’s Multistate Standard-Setting Study (MSSS) process, which consist of focus groups of educational professionals from both PK-12 and IHE settings. MSSS’s have been completed for most tests below, but a few are still currently ongoing. A full breakdown of tests and recommended scores is below:**

| **Title to be Discontinued** | **Date of Last Admin.** | **Replacement Test** | **New Test Available** | **Cut Score** |
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| Biology: Content Knowledge (5235) | Aug. 2023 | Biology (5236) | Sept. 2022 | 154 |
| Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5245) | Aug. 2023 | Chemistry (5246) | Sept. 2022 | 146 |
| Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (5571) | Aug. 2023 | Earth and Space Sciences (5572) | Sept. 2022 | 154 |
| General Science: Content Knowledge (5435) | Aug. 2023 | General Science (5436) | Sept. 2022 | TBD |
| Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161) | Aug. 2022 | Mathematics (5165) | Available now | 159 |
| Middle School Mathematics (5169) | Aug. 2022 | Middle School Mathematics (5164) | Available now | 157 |
| Physics: Content Knowledge (5265) | Aug. 2023 | Physics (5266) | Sept. 2022 | 145 |
| School Psychologist (5402) | Aug. 2023 | School Psychologist (5403) | Sept. 2022 | 155 |
| n/a | n/a | Russian: World Language (5671) | Not yet available | TBD |

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

[**ETS Annual Changes**](https://www.ets.org/praxis/states_agencies/annual_changes/)

[**ETS MSSS Process**](https://www.ets.org/praxis/states_agencies/adoption_process/standard_setting_studies/)