

How to Read Your Score Report

Overview. This report provides your scores for the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC). For each test/subtest you took, it indicates whether or not you passed, your performance on each subarea of the test/subtest, and, if you did not pass the test/subtest, your total test score. A description of each test, including the list of subareas and objectives, is included in the study guide for the test. Study guides are available on the MTTC website at www.mttc.nesinc.com.

Total Score. The total score is calculated for each test or subtest. Your total score is based on the number of multiple-choice questions you answered correctly in combination with the scores(s) on any constructed-response assignments on your test. Results are reported on a scale with a range of 100–300. A scaled score of 220 represents the minimum passing score for each test/subtest. Your numeric test/subtest total score is provided if you did not pass the test/subtest. To preclude the use of MTTC scores for purposes other than credentialing (e.g., employment, assignment), numerical scores of passing candidates are not reported.

Passing scores for the MTTC are established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction based on recommendations of panels of Michigan educators. The passing score is designed to reflect the baseline pedagogical content knowledge and knowledge of professional responsibilities as described in the Michigan Standards for the Preparation of Teachers for certification or endorsement in a given field.

Status. A “Passed” indicates that you passed the test. A “Did Not Pass” indicates that you did not pass.

Performance Index. The report indicates your performance on each subarea of the test/subtest as described below. This information will help you understand your areas of strength and/or weakness; you do not “pass” individual subareas.

Multiple-Choice Subarea Performance. This information should be interpreted with caution since subareas contain different numbers of questions. For each subarea containing multiple-choice questions, you will see one of the following designations:

- ++++ if you answered most of the questions correctly
- +++ if you answered many of the questions correctly
- ++ if you answered some of the questions correctly
- + if you answered few or none of the questions correctly

Constructed-Response Assignment(s) Performance. Written responses to constructed-response assignments are reviewed and evaluated independently by at least two scorers using four-point score scales that describe varying levels of performance; the score scales are provided in the study guide, which is available on the MTTC website at www.mttc.nesinc.com. For each constructed-response assignment, you will see one of the following designations:

- ++++ if your response showed strong skills (see score point description “4”)
- +++ if your response showed satisfactory skills (see score point description “3”)
- ++ if your response showed limited skill (see score point description “2”)
- + if your response showed a lack of skill (see score point description “1”)

Reading a Sample Score Report. A sample score report is provided below.

Test: 009 History		Total Score: 210 ← A
Status: Did Not Pass		Minimum Passing Score: 220
Number of Questions	Subarea Name	Subarea Performance Index
1 to 10	Historical Concepts and Skills.....	+++ ← B
21 to 30	World History.....	+ ← C
21 to 30	U.S. History.....	++
11 to 20	Interdisciplinary Perspectives.....	+++

In the sample, the examinee did not pass the test (total score of 210 [A] compared to the minimum passing score of 220). The examinee performed well on two subareas of the test: Historical Concepts and Skills (+++) [B] and Interdisciplinary Perspectives (+++). The examinee did not perform well on two subareas of the test: World History (+) and U.S History (++) [C]. When preparing to retake the test, the examinee should probably focus on the two subareas in which performance indicates weakness.

Reporting of Scores. Your scores have been forwarded to the Michigan Department of Education and to the Michigan institution(s) you indicated during registration. You should keep this score report for your own records. It is your responsibility to complete all necessary application processes required for obtaining a Michigan teaching certificate or endorsement for which passing one or more MTTC test(s) is required.

Retaking the Test. If you need to retake a test, please consult the MTTC website, www.mttc.nesinc.com, for information on registering.

Michigan Department of Education. For additional information related to certification please contact the Michigan Department of Education at www.michigan.gov/teachercert.

Test Score Status. MTTC scores are valid for five years. MTTC scores must be used toward a Michigan educator certificate within five years of the test date. Candidates who apply for a certificate using MTTC scores that are more than five years old may be required to retest.