

## The New NYSED Teacher Certification Exam Safety Nets

In late May 2015, the Board of Regents extended the edTPA Safety Net and created Safety Nets for the Educating All Students exam (EAS), and certain redeveloped Content Specialty Tests (CSTs).

**The NYSED safety nets have been extended to June 30, 2018 (or June 30, 2019 for Languages, Social Studies and TESOL CSTs):**

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certexamsafetynets.html>

[https://www.nystce.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML\\_FRAG/GENRB\\_SafetyNet.html](https://www.nystce.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_SafetyNet.html)

**\*\*\*Please read how to request to have your Safety Net** applied to your certificate application at the bottom of this document: it does not happen automatically and often requires your follow-up.

### The edTPA

The existing edTPA Safety Net is extended by one year to June 30, 2018. Candidates who take and fail to receive a passing score on the edTPA may use prior ATS-W results if the ATS-W was passed prior to May 1, 2014 OR take and pass the ATS-W on or before June 30, 2018 instead of retaking and passing the edTPA, or until the date a new passing score on the edTPA is approved by the Commissioner, whichever is earlier, and after receipt of a failing numeric score on the edTPA or an "Incomplete" (I) with a numeric score on one or more task totals. Check this link for more information:

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certexamsedtpa.html>

**The Academic Literacy Skills Test is no longer required for certification.**

<http://www.nysed.gov/news/2017/board-regents-act-amend-states-teacher-certification-requirements-based-recommendations>

### The Educating All Students Exam

The passing score for the EAS has been amended to a temporary "Safety Net passing score" which has been applied retroactively to every candidate who has taken the EAS. The EAS safety net allows a candidate who applies for and meets all certification requirements for the initial certificate on, or before, June 30, 2018, may use the **EAS safety net passing score until the revised EAS becomes operational**. Here's a link to more information on this Safety Net:

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certexamsafetynetseas.html>

### The Content Specialty Tests

The revised safety net program for the redeveloped CSTs now allows candidates to choose between taking either the Safety Net (old version) CST or the redeveloped CST **until June 30, 2017 (or June 30, 2019 for Languages, Social Studies and TESOL)**:

[http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML\\_FRAG/GENRB\\_SafetyNet\\_Tests.html](http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_SafetyNet_Tests.html)

Consistent with the Redeveloped CSTs, the Safety Net CSTs will now be computer-based beginning in July 2015. Candidates will be able to register and pay for the Safety Net CST through the NYSTCE website. <http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/Home.aspx>

The new **CST Multi-Subject (Grade 7–Grade 12)** exam has a new Safety Net for candidates who take and fail Part Two (Mathematics) of the test, and **this has been extended to June 30, 2018**. In order to be eligible for the safety net, however, a candidate must pass Part One (Literacy and English Language Arts) and Part Three (Arts and Sciences) of the test, and then complete a mathematics tutorial that will be provided. The tutorial is intended to review mathematics lessons comparable to the content on the test. Upon completing the tutorial, candidates will receive an attestation form to attest that they have completed at least one college mathematics course (3 semester hours), in which they demonstrated comparable skills to what is required by this test and received a grade of 3.0 or higher or the substantial equivalent in that course.

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certexamsafetynetmst.html>

For more information:

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/multi-subsecteachgrade7-12safetynet.html>

**The Safety Net for the School Building Leader exam has expired.**

### **Refunds**

Pearson will process appropriate registration refunds and other changes for candidates who are eligible for a Safety Net option. Candidates seeking refunds and other changes rather than retaking the test should contact NYSTCE Customer Service for details (1-800-309-5225). Pearson will not be offering refunds for the ALST. Neither Pearson nor NYSED can issue a refund for a test that a candidate has already taken. Here's the link to NYSTCE's refund policies:

<http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=NYCBT-WithdrawalRefundPolicy.html&t=NY011>

### **Processing of all safety nets:**

**\*Lastly, here's how to request to have your Safety Net** applied to your certificate application. This does not happen automatically and often requires your follow-up.

- The exam requirement will not show as met until the safety net(s) are applied as the last requirement for certification (including self-reporting your education in the Self-Reported Education tab of your Teach Account, Account Information). If a candidate has met all requirements for certification except the use of one or more of the safety nets and the certificate has not issued, please email [examsafetynet@nysed.gov](mailto:examsafetynet@nysed.gov) to request the safety net(s) be applied. NYSED will then review the candidate's application.