

# HOW TO READ YOUR SCORE REPORT

# For the Special Education PreK-8 and Special Education 7-12 Tests

## OVERVIEW

This score report provides your test results for the Pennsylvania Educator Certification Tests (PECT) test module(s) that you took on the date(s) indicated on your report.

**Please note:** This score report is for your records only. Keep a copy for your permanent records. Your test results will be reported directly to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, to the Pennsylvania program provider where you have completed or will complete a teacher education program, and to any additional program providers (up to two) you identified when you registered for the test. In addition, your test results may be reported to other program providers or offices authorized or required by law to receive this information.

All tests in the PECT program are criterion referenced; that is, they are designed to measure your knowledge and skills in relation to an established standard of performance (a criterion) rather than in relation to the performance of other candidates. The scores indicated on this report are for the purpose of securing Pennsylvania teacher certification. They are NOT intended to be used for employment decisions, college admission decisions, or any other purpose.

#### **TEST RESULTS**

Under the test code and the name of the module (e.g., **011 Special Education PreK–8 – Module 1**) you will find your **Test Date**, your **Total Test Scaled Score**, and your **Status**. Your scores on each module are based on the number of test questions in that module that you answered correctly and are reported on a scale that ranges from 100 to 300. A scaled score of 220 represents the minimum passing score for each module. Your status is listed as "Passed" if your total test scaled score is 220 or greater. If your total test scaled score is less than 220, your status is listed as "Not Passed."

**Scaled scores.** Results for each module are reported on a scale of 100–300. A scaled score of 220 represents the approved performance criterion, i.e., the cutscore for the module. Cutscores have been established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education based on the recommendations of panels of Pennsylvania educators.

#### SUMMARY REPORT

At the bottom of your score report is a summary report chart that presents vital information about your test-taking performance, including your current status on the entire test. You should review the information presented and confirm its accuracy, especially noting the highest scores you have earned on the test modules across all test attempts.

Your status on the test is reported as "Passed," "Not Yet Passed," or "Incomplete." Your status on the test is reported as "Passed" if you achieved a score of 220 or higher on all test modules. Your status is reported as "Not Yet Passed" if you have not yet achieved a scaled score of 220 on all test modules. Your status is reported as "Incomplete" if you have not yet taken all of the modules that make up the test.

## **DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION**

Your score report shows your performance on each objective of the test module. For each listed objective you will find the **Approximate Number of Test Questions** administered to you and the **Percentage of Items Answered Correctly**.

Your reported performance on each individual objective of the test is provided for the sole purpose of helping you identify your areas of strength and weakness on the test (especially if you are required to register and retake one or more of modules of the test). You do not "pass" or "fail" individual objectives. Your eligibility for Pennsylvania teacher certification will be determined, in part, on the basis of your overall performance on each module of the test, represented by your total test scaled scores.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Retaking the test.** You may retake the test by following the same registration procedures you completed for previous test administrations. Please note you must allow 30 days between test dates.

**Test preparation materials.** Study guides and practice tests are available on the program website at www.pa.nesinc.com.