

Pennsylvania “Sliding Scale”

The Pennsylvania Department of Education allows teacher candidates applying for PA Teacher Certification to use the sliding scale to qualify with lower-than-passing test scores, by using their GPA at the time of graduation.

To view the sliding scale, click the link here and select option 3:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/CertTestingRequirements/Pages/default.aspx>

- The GPA that will be applied to your scores is your total, final GPA at the time of graduation. If your GPA at the time of graduation does not meet the requirements, you will not be certified until you retake the exams.
- To find your test and check a score, find your cumulative GPA in the top row and your test in the right column. Where they meet is the needed score. If your score is at or above the listed score, your score qualifies. If your score is below the listed score, your score doesn't qualify. Please note that you **CANNOT** round your GPA. For example, if you have a 3.744, you cannot use the 3.75 column.
- You cannot use the sliding scale if you are testing for add-on certification areas. In order to be certified in add-on areas, you must achieve the straight passing scores.
- The sliding scale is applicable for Pennsylvania test requirements for those seeking Pennsylvania certification. For questions about certifications in other states, please look at the department of education website for the state in which you are seeking additional certification.
- If you are using the sliding scale, you do not need to take any further steps at the time of graduation. A staff member will confirm that your GPA and scores are eligible when they certify your TIMS application.