

What is the CBEST???

The California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) is used to assess and verify acceptable proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics skills in the English language, basic educational skills that are needed and used by all school practitioners. The test is not a measure of teaching skills or abilities. Instead, it measures more basic skills that are needed by professional staff members in schools that offer academic programs in kindergarten, grades one to twelve, and adult education.

Who Must Take the Test?

In California, you must take the CBEST if any one of the following conditions applies to you:

- You are applying for a first teaching credential or service credential.
- You are applying for the issuance or renewal of an Emergency Permit, unless you already hold a valid California teaching credential for which a baccalaureate degree is required.
- ***You are applying for admission to a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) approved teacher-preparation program, unless you already hold a valid California teaching credential for which a baccalaureate degree is required.***

Taking and Passing the CBEST

The CBEST has three sections (reading, math, and writing) and you must pass all three sections to pass the exam. You may take one, two, or three sections at a given test administration. If you are taking the CBEST Writing section, you must complete both essays in the section.

Once you pass a section of the test, you do not have to take that section again. If you do not pass one or more sections, you may register again and take only the sections of the test that you have not already passed. It may be to your advantage, however, to repeat a section already passed; a higher score on that section might help you reach the total score required to pass the CBEST.

Once the **entire** test has been passed, it need never be taken again to qualify for the issuance or renewal of any credential in the future.

Registration and Fees

To register online, you can visit www.cbest.nesinc.com and click on "Registering to Test." The CBEST costs \$41. To avoid late registration fees, you should register by the registration deadline.

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline 	Late Registration Deadline (additional fee applies)  	Emergency Registration Deadline (additional fee applies)  	Unofficial Scores Posted to Internet (unofficial scores available by 5:00 p.m.)	Official Score Report Mailing Date
August 9, 2008	July 11, 2008	July 29, 2008	August 5, 2008	August 25, 2008	August 28, 2008
October 4, 2008	September 5, 2008	September 23, 2008	September 30, 2008	October 20, 2008	October 23, 2008
December 6, 2008	November 7, 2008	November 25, 2008	December 2, 2008	December 22, 2008	December 29, 2008
February 7, 2009	January 9, 2009	January 27, 2009	February 3, 2009	February 23, 2009	February 26, 2009
April 18, 2009	March 20, 2009	April 7, 2009	April 14, 2009	May 4, 2009	May 7, 2009
June 13, 2009	May 15, 2009	June 2, 2009	June 9, 2009	June 29, 2009	July 2, 2009

For more information on the CBEST, contact the Center for Teacher Education at (714) 564-6352.