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SUBJECT: Virginia Credentialing Initiative Teacher Certification Testing Exemptions

In the Virginia credentialing system for awarding student-selected verified credit, a teacher is eligible for a certification exemption when the issuing organization WILL NOT allow the teacher to take its examination. For all other Board of Education approved external credentialing examinations, the teacher must take the exam in order for the student-selected verified credit option to be utilized.

Teacher certification exemptions are available from the following credentialing organizations when an assessment is administered for the student-selected verified credit:

- All National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) assessments (including any credentials administered by NOCTI);
- *All American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) Pre-Professional Assessments and Certifications examinations;
- All Project Lead-the-Way end-of-course online examinations;
- United States Military Entrance Processing Command Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) examinations;
- Career and Technical Education Consortium of States (CTECS) Workplace Readiness Skills for the Commonwealth examination;
- All SkillsUSA Workforce Ready System examinations;
- C-Tech Associates, Inc. for Network Cabling Specialist;
- All Cornell University examinations for Agricultural Education; and
- ACT WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) examinations.

Note: *The Broad Field Family and Consumer Sciences Examination (Credential Exam Code #9227) is available to teachers and may be taken at the annual Virginia Association for Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences summer institute.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Career and Technical Education Services, at cte@doe.virginia.gov or by phone at 804-225-2052.

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