

# ParaPro Assessment Information

ParaPro Assessment was developed by Educational Testing Service (ETS), for prospective and practicing paraprofessionals. The test measures skills and knowledge in reading, mathematics, and writing, as well as the ability to apply those skills and knowledge to assist in classroom instruction. Visit [www.ets.org/parapro](http://www.ets.org/parapro) for additional information about the test.

The Department of Public Instruction has added the ParaPro Assessment to the list of approved assessments to meet the aide/paraprofessional requirements under the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

**Requirement:** Title I aides/paraprofessionals must receive a passing score on this exam in order to meet the third option stated in the requirements. The required score for this exam is a composite score of 464 in the reading, writing and mathematics section, as set by a 2003 standard setting study.

**Cost:** The approximate cost of the exam is \$45.

**Scoring:** Individuals who take the Internet-based exam will be able to view their score upon completion and will receive an official score report from ETS approximately two weeks after the test date. Individuals who take the paper-based exam will receive an official score report from ETS within four weeks after the test date. Scores may also be given via telephone for individuals who take the paper-based exam.

**Taking the Test:** There are two options when taking the multiple-choice assessment; you can either take the assessment online or paper-based. The paper-based format is administered on national test dates under standardized testing conditions. The paper-based format requires prior mail-in registration with a scannable registration form. Request a copy of the *Registration Bulletin* or download a copy, go to the ParaPro website at <http://www.ets.org/parapro/about/bulletin>. Refer to the table below for the test center information you will need to register for the paper-based test in North Dakota.

PAPER-BASED TEST CENTERS		TEST DATES		
		An "X" in the column below means that this testing location is available during the testing time. Registration deadlines are approximately five weeks prior to the test date. *Dates appear on the back cover of the <i>Registration Bulletin</i> .		
Location	Test Center Code	Test Date: 9/17/11 Register By: 8/18/11 Late Reg. By: 8/25/11	Test Date: 1/14/12 Register By: 12/15/11 Late Reg. By: 12/22/11	Test Date: 6/9/12 Register By: 5/10/12 Late Reg. By: 5/17/12
Bismarck, U of Mary	03764		X	
Dickinson, DSU	03766		X	X
Fargo, NDSU	03752	X	X	
Grand Forks, UND	03753	X	X	X
Minot, MSU	03771	X	X	
*Dates for testing in the 2012-2013 school year will be available the end of July 2012.				

**Internet Delivery:** School districts that want to administer the Internet-based ParaPro Assessment must enroll with ETS. To enroll with ETS, complete the application at [www.ets.org/parapro/ippform.html](http://www.ets.org/parapro/ippform.html). Individuals who want to take the iBT version of the ParaPro should first contact their principal or human resources staff to inquire about the availability of iBT testing at their school.

**Study Guides:** Study guides and practice test materials are available. To order the guides online, visit [www.ets.org/parapro](http://www.ets.org/parapro). To order by telephone, call (800) 537-3161. You can also download a free copy of the ParaPro Assessment *Test at a Glance* at [www.ets.org/parapro](http://www.ets.org/parapro). Practice test information and other helpful information is available at [www.testprepresearch.com/parapro](http://www.testprepresearch.com/parapro) and [www.apexprep.com/parapro/](http://www.apexprep.com/parapro/).

**Contact:** For more information, contact ParaPro Assessment at [parapro@ets.org](mailto:parapro@ets.org) or (800) 772-9476.

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