

Professional Knowledge Test

1. Introduction

The teaching profession is an educational licensed Profession under the Teachers and Educational Personnel Council Act B.E. 2546 (2003). According to this Act, Section 9 (8), the Teachers Council of Thailand (TCT) shall have powers and duties to certify professional knowledge and experience, including expertise in practice of the profession. As provided by the law, Section 48, persons who practice the licensed profession shall conduct themselves following the professional standards and ethics.

Professional standards consist of professional knowledge and experience prescribed by the Teachers Council of Thailand Board. The Qualifications for those who practice the profession must hold at least a degree in Education or its equivalent or other related fields accredited by the TCT. Based on the above criteria, the teachers shall have 9 areas of necessary knowledge as follows:

- 1.1 Language and Technology for Teachers
- 1.2 Curriculum Development
- 1.3 Learning Management
- 1.4 Psychology for Teachers
- 1.5 Educational Measurement and Evaluation
- 1.6 Classroom Management
- 1.7 Educational Research
- 1.8 Educational Innovation and Information Technology
- 1.9 Teacher Professionalism

Therefore those who do not meet the qualification criteria, test is an alternative way to assist foreign teachers to qualify for the teaching license.

2. Objective

The main objective of the test is to equip the applicants for teaching licenses to meet the expected professional standards.

3. Applying for the Test

3.1 Applicant's Qualifications

- (1) Be at least 20 years of age
- (2) Hold a Bachelor's degree or an equivalent
- (3) Not possess any of the prohibited characteristics pursuant to section 44 (b) of the Teachers and Educational Personnel Council Act B.E.2003 (2546).

3.2 Application Terms

(1) Each applicant can register only one-time action and will not be allowed to change any information.

(2) Each applicant must meet the qualification requirements according to Item 1. In addition, he or she must graduate and was granted a degree by the Graduate Council prior to the application deadline date. However, an applicant's graduation shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions of the graduation criteria set by the Law, Rule or Regulation of such applicant's institution.

(3) Each applicant must check and certify that he or she meets the qualifications according to the test application notification, as well as complete the required information truly. In the case of any error occurred by the applicant or later any applicant is found to be ineligible to take the test, the Sub-committee of Teaching Professional Knowledge Certification deems that he or she disqualify throughout. Therefore, the applicant will not receive a refund.

4. Application Process

An applicant registers only online system with following process:

Step 1: Registration

(1) Access to website **<http://www.ksp.or.th>** and select topic "Application for Testing of Teaching Profession Knowledge for Foreign Teachers"

(2) Complete the required information and adhere strictly to the principle and procedures it describes. Then a Test Taker ID and a fee payment form will automatically appear.

(3) Print out a copy of application form and a copy of fee payment form onto two of A4 papers. If you do not have a printer connected to your computer, you can save the information as a file, for example, a diskette to print later. However, please note that the application process you have completed at the first time will not be allowed to change any information.

(4) Attach 1 inch photograph, without dark glasses taken within 6 months, on the printed application form. Then sign the application form and bring it along with yourself on the test day.

(5) All above application process is deemed that an applicant sign and certify the accuracy of the information provided in accordance with the Electronic Transactions Act B.E. 2001. Therefore, any applicant who knowingly and with intent to give false information on the test application, he or she may be guilty of giving false information to an authority according to the Code of Criminal, Section 137.

Step 2: Fee Payment

(1) Submit the printed payment form and pay the fees at any branch of Krung Thai Bank during the working hours in all provinces within the date provided in the payment form. An application is not considered complete without the appropriate fees.

(2) Application payment includes:

- Test fee: 1,000 Baht per section
- Online test service fee: 30 Baht

(3) Each applicant must pay the fee according to the total amount appeared in the payment form.

(4) Fee refund will not be request if the list of test takers is announced. Except in the event that the test is cancelled due to cheating or attempting to cheat has occurred. However, fee refund will be given to those who are not involved in such cheating or attempting to cheat on a test.

Step 3: Submit Application Documents

An applicant submits application documents when passing 4 sections of the test and applying for the teaching license.

5. Test Schedule

The test will be held about twice a year at various centers subject to availability. For the test date, time and place will be announced on website: <http://www.ksp.or.th>

6. Test Format

Professional Knowledge Test consists of 9 areas, 4 sections. Each section comprises 150 multiple-choice items with 5 possible answers.

Section 1: -Language and Technology for Teachers

-Educational Innovation and Technology

Section 2: -Curriculum Development

-Learning Management

-Classroom Management

Section 3: -Educational Measurement and Evaluation

-Educational Research

Section 4: -Psychology for Teachers

-Teacher Professionalism

7. Test Contents

Test contents contain the essence of knowledge according to the professional standards for teachers as follows:

7.1 Language and Technology for Teachers

- English languages for teachers
- Information technology for teachers

7.2 Curriculum Development

- Philosophy concept and theory of education
- Historical background and system of educational management in Thailand
- Future goals and development plan of Thai Education
- Curriculum theory
- Curriculum development
- Standards and curriculum stage standards
- Institution curriculum development
- Problems and trend in curriculum development

7.3 Learning Management

- Techniques and learning theory
- Learning models and teaching-learning model development
- Learning experience design and management
- Integration of learning substance groups
- Integration of group learning
- Learning management techniques and technology
- Production and implementation of media and learning innovation development
- Learner-centered management
- Learning evaluation

7.4 Psychology for Teachers

- Foundation of human development psychology
- Educational psychology
- Guidance and counseling psychology

7.5 Educational Measurement and Evaluation

- Principles and techniques of educational measurement and evaluation
- Production and implementation of educational measurement and evaluation tools
- Authentic assessment
- Portfolio assessment
- Performance assessment
- Formative and summative evaluation

7.6 Classroom Management

- Management theory and principles
- Educational leadership
- Systematic thinking
- Organizational culture learning
- Organizational human relations
- Organizational communication
- Classroom management
 - Educational quality assurance
 - Teamwork
 - Academic project performance
 - Occupational training project
 - Development projects and activities
 - Management information systems
 - Education for community development

7.7 Educational Research

- Theory, model, design and process of research
- Statistics for research
- Classroom action research
- Research training
- Research presentation
- Research study in development of learning management process
- Research process in problem-solving
- Research proposal

7.8 Educational Innovation and Information Technology

- Educational concepts, theory, technology and innovation to promote learning quality development
- Technology and Information
 - Problem analysis of using technology and information innovation
- Learning sources and network
 - Designing, creation, implementation, evaluation and improvement of Innovation

7.9 Teacher Professionalism

- Importance of teaching profession
- Teachers' role, duty and workload
- Teaching profession development
- Characteristics of good teachers
- Building good attitudes towards teaching profession
- Fulfilling potential and competence in practice of teaching profession
- Being learning persons and academic leaders
- Professional teaching standards
- Professional code of ethics
- Education laws

8. Passing Criteria:

An examinee must pass the assessment criteria with not less than 50 per cent per section.

9. Test Result Announcement:

Test result will be announced on website: <http://ksp.or.th> within 30 days after the test finishes.

10. Evidence of Passing Assessment Criteria

An examinee who has passed the test assessment criteria according to the criteria prescribed shall receive a certificate issued by the Teachers Council of Thailand.

11. Test Regulations

11.1 Professional knowledge test is paper-based testing. Test contents are in accordance with details attached to the Notification of the Teachers Council of Thailand Board on Rules and Procedures for Testing and Evaluation of Knowledge of Foreigners in Applying for License to Practice the Teaching Profession B.E. 2549 (2006).

11.2 All examinees must agree to abide by the following regulations:

(1) Dress politely. **Male examinees** are required to wear dress pants (no jeans, cargo pants or shorts) and a button-up/collared long or short sleeve dress shirt. Sandals are not allowed. **Female examinees** are required to wear skirts with a blouse (no sleeveless blouses or see through). Sandals are not allowed.

(2) On the test day, examinees are required to have printed application form, attached 1 inch photograph without dark glasses taken within 6 months, including your valid passport or other evidence identified legally immigration. Without one of the above evidence, examinees may not be allowed to take the test.

(3) In case of changing name/surname or name title after applying for the test, examinees must show a copy of the change of Name/Family Name Certificate or Marriage/Divorce Certificate depending on the case.

(4) It is responsibility of examinees to review the test room, place, date, and time.

(5) All examinees should arrive at the test place at least 30 minutes before the test begins, but you can enter the test room when the test supervisor allows. Anybody arriving 30 minutes after the test has begun cannot enter the test room and refunds will not be made.

(6) The test supervisor will assign you a seat.

(7) Bring a blue or black pen - pens are not supplied at the test place.

(8) Use the only answer sheets provided.

(9) Any text book, note book, electronic communication or recording device, including a cell phone, personal digital assistant (PDA) is strictly prohibited into the testing room.

(10) Write your Applicant ID. in the space provided.

- (11) Follow the instructions of the test supervisor.
- (12) Communication in any form between examinees is not permitted during the test administration.
- (13) Smoking is not permitted in the testing room.
- (14) No one is allowed to leave the testing room during the test. Examinees are required to remain in the testing room at least 45 minutes.
- (15) All examinees must not copy or attempt to copy test contents, or attempt to remove test contents or answer sheets from the testing room.
- (16) At the conclusion of the test, examinees will be required to return their test books and answer sheets to the test supervisor. Examinees may not leave the testing room without the test supervisor's permission.
- (17) Please do not disturb other examinees if you finish before the allotted time.

Examinees who do not comply with the regulations, or those who are suspected of cheating, or attempted cheating, will not be allowed to take the test or are allowed to finish the test. Their examination papers must not be marked until the case has been reviewed by the Professional Knowledge Test Committee.

12. Contact Information

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