

Pennsylvania Safety Driver Education Teacher Certification Assessment Testing Information

Individuals who wish to obtain an Instructional teaching certificate in Safety/Driver Education must take and pass the Pennsylvania Safety Driver Education Teacher Certification Assessment (PSDETCA).

Test Registration

To register for the test, individuals must complete a registration form and submit it to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by regular mail, fax or email. Registration forms may be found at: (insert link). All individuals must be pre-registered for the test. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

PDE charges no test or registration fee to take the PSDETCA.

Individuals who are applying for their first Pennsylvania certificate should also register with PDE's Teacher Information Management System (TIMS) prior to taking the test in order to facilitate the efficient reporting of test scores. You may register in TIMS at:

<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/TIMS/20476/page/1033139>

Testing accommodations are available for individuals with disabilities or health related needs. Individuals may request a testing accommodation by submitting an accommodation request form along with the test registration form to PDE. Accommodation request forms and additional information related to the types of accommodations permitted can be found at (insert link) or call (insert number).

Test Administration

The PSDETCA will be offered the first Tuesday and third Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. The testing location is at PDE located at 333 Market Street, 3rd Floor Harrisburg, PA 17126.

Individuals must bring two forms of identification. One form of identification must be an official government issued photo identification card.

Individuals are not permitted to use cell phones, laptop computers, electronic tablets and calculators during the test and any electronic devices must be turned off and removed from the immediate testing area.

The test consists of 120 questions. Individuals will receive two hours to complete the 120 question test.

At the conclusion of the test period, individuals must return the test booklet and answer sheet to the test administrator.

Score Reporting

The passing score for the PSDETCA is 520

All test takers will receive notice of their test scores within four weeks of the test administration. Test takers will receive an email notification and an official notification letter sent by regular mail indicating the individual test score and the passing score.

Application for Certification

After successfully passing the PSDETCA, individuals must submit a certification application to PDE through TIMS in order to obtain a Safety/Driver Education certificate or add on the Safety/Driver Education certificate to an existing Instructional I or Instructional II teaching certificate.