**Overview of Alternatives to the Communication and Literacy Skills MTEL**

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| Test | Length of Time to take the test | Cost | Structure | Registration |
| MTEL Communication and Literacy Skills Test: Reading | 4 hours for one or both subtests | $69.50 for the reading subtest, or $112 for both subtests | 42 multiple-choice questions | <http://www.mtel.nesinc.com/>  |
| MTEL Communication and Literacy Skills Test: Writing | 4 hours for one or both subtests | $69.50 for the writing subtest, or $112 for both subtests | 35 multiple-choice questions, 7 sentence correction items, 2 open-response items | <http://www.mtel.nesinc.com/>  |
| CASA: Reading\*Online Proctoring Only | 75 minutes | $38 for one subtest | 40 multiple-choice questions | <http://www.mtel.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/MA801_TestPage.html>  |
| CASA: Writing\*Online Proctoring Only | 105 minutes | $38 for one subtest | 42 multiple choice questions and 1 constructed-response question | <http://www.mtel.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/MA801_TestPage.html>  |
| NES Essential Academic Skills Subtest I: Reading | Up to 1 hour | $50 for one subtest, or $75 for both subtests1 | Approximately 45 multiple-choice questions | <http://www.mtel.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/NT001_TestPage.html>  |
| NES Essential Academic Skills Subtest I: Writing | Up to 75 minutes | $50 for one subtest, or $75 for both subtests1 | Approximately 46 multiple-choice items, 1 written assignment | <http://www.mtel.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/NT001_TestPage.html>  |
| Massachusetts Communication and Literacy Praxis Test: Reading  | 85 minutes | $90 for the reading subtest, or $110 for both subtests | 56 selected-response questions | <https://www.ets.org/praxis/ma> |
| Massachusetts Communication and Literacy Praxis Test: Writing  | 100 minutes, divided into a 40-minute selected-response section and two 30-minute essay sections | $90 for the writing subtest, or $110 for both subtests | 40 selected-response questions and two essay questions | <https://www.ets.org/praxis/ma> |
| MoGEA: Reading Comprehension and Interpretation subtest\*Online Proctoring Only | 75 minutes testing time | $25 for one subtest | 39 multiple choice questions | <http://www.mtel.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/MA866_TestPage.html>  |
| MoGEA: Writing subtest\*Online Proctoring Only | 60 minutes testing time | $25 for one subtest | 1 written assignment | <http://www.mtel.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/MA866_TestPage.html>  |
| WEST-B: Reading subtest\*Online Proctoring Only | 2 hours testing time | $32 for one subtest | 60 multiple choice questions | <http://www.mtel.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/MA895_TestPage.html>  |
| WEST-B: Writing subtest\*Online Proctoring Only | 3 hours testing time | $32 for one subtest | 50 multiple choice questions and 2 constructed-response questions | <http://www.mtel.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/MA895_TestPage.html>  |

1Free Retake Policy for NES Essential Academic Skills ONLY

For registrations on or after December 5, 2023, candidates who have taken the same National Evaluation Series™ test with the same test code three times and have not yet passed will be able to reregister for the same test at no cost.

Please note the following:

* Any test registration or administration prior to December 5, 2023, will not count toward a free retake.
* You do not need to use a voucher or any special code; the system will automatically allow eligible candidates to reregister for free.
* You may register for free up to 12 months after the release of your most recent score report for the test.
* If you are absent from your test appointment, the absence will not count toward one of the three attempts.