

MOECS USER GUIDES FOR THE INPUT OF ALTERNATE SCORES

3. ENTERING IN -1 SEM AS ALTERNATE PASS MEASURE

The screenshot displays the Michigan Department of Education MOECS interface. The header includes the Michigan Department of Education logo and navigation links like 'SCECH Catalog | SCECH Sponsors | Logout'. A left sidebar contains a menu with options such as 'Home', 'Search for Certificates / Permits / AOAs', 'Worklist', 'Teaching', 'Occupational (Vocational)', 'School Psychologist', 'School Counselor', 'School Administrator', 'Addl. Endorsements', 'Approval', and 'Reports'. The main content area is titled 'Perform Action' and contains several sections:

- Personnel Information:** Name: TEST TEST, SSN: XXX-XX-0301, Date of Birth: 01/01/1980, Gender: Male.
- Application Information:** Application #: 134402, License Type: Provisional Teaching Certificate, Program Type: Secondary, College/Univ: Adrian College. Status: Submitted, Approved License Type: , Approved Program Type: .
- Basic Skills Examination:** Status: Not Passed. A table shows scores for Reading (True), Writing (True), and Math (False). Overall: Basic Skills Examination Passed.
- Alternative Pass Measures:** A form with fields for Test (PRE), Sub Test (Math), Test Month (January), Test Year (2014), and Score (199). An 'Add Score' button is present.
- Remarks History:** A table with columns for Action, Status, Email Sent, Modified By, and Modified On. One entry shows 'System' submitted on 1/12/2016.

Red circles with letters A, B, and C are overlaid on the 'Basic Skills Examination', 'Alternative Pass Measures', and 'Add Score' sections respectively.

Section A

The Basic Skills Examination table shows an overall passing status as well as individual passing statuses for the three subtests of Reading, Writing, and Math.

If a subtest has been successfully passed either during an attempt of the pre-October 2013 Basic Skills Test (BST) or during an attempt of the Professional Readiness Examination (PRE) starting in October 2013, these subtests will be pre-populated with a status of "True." Otherwise, these statuses will show "False."

Note: a -1 SEM claim cannot be used in combination with a BST subtest score. An -1 SEM result can only be claimed when all subtests have been taken on the PRE, because the -1 SEM minimum threshold scores have been established on PRE data only.

Section B

In the "Alternative Pass Measures" section, three options will be displayed when the "Test" menu is pulled down. This guide describes the -1 SEM option.

For any subtest a candidate wishes to use an -1 SEM claim as an alternative pass measure, use the “Test” drop-down box to select “PRE.” Doing so indicates that the user wishes to claim a PRE score that is less than the passing score for that subtest, but equal to or greater than the minimum score needed for the -1 SEM allowance.

Remember, only one -1 SEM allowance can be claimed for a candidate. Accordingly, it is important to designate which subtest is used for the -1 SEM claim under the “Sub Test” menu. Under “Sub Test,” the only options displayed are those subtests which do not already have a “True” result.

Use the pull-downs to select the month and year the PRE was attempted. This is necessary because some -1 SEM minimum scores change from month to month. MOECS compares the minimum score designated for the month and year of attempt to the score the user is claiming as eligible for the -1 SEM alternate measure.

In the “Score” box provided, enter in the candidate’s score for the subtest being used as the -1 SEM claim.

A table of minimum scores, by month, is posted and regularly updated on the [Evaluation Systems MTTC Web site](#).

Section C

Click “Add Score” to add your -1 SEM alternative score claim to the candidate’s record. When a successful -1 SEM claim has been made, a “Yes” result will appear in the “Scores” bar for the “PRE” listing at the appropriate subtest, as shown below. This indicates that although the candidate did not meet the regular passing score of 220 for that subtest, he or she qualified for the -1 SEM alternate measure because his or her score was still above the minimum -1 SEM threshold.

Scores							
	Test Type	Score Type	Test Month	Test Year	Test Score	Alternative Pass Measure	Pass
Delete	PRE	Math	January	2014	199	198	Yes

While a user cannot make two or more -1 SEM claims, a combination of -1 SEM, ACT and MME scores may be used across varying subtests. Below is an example of the ACT being claimed for each of the three subtests, each matching or exceeding the minimum necessary score.

When the candidate has any combination of base PRE passing scores, -1 SEM claims, ACT alternate scores, or MME alternate scores, MOECS will display the word “Passing” in green after the word “Status” for the “Basic Skills Examination” section, as shown below.

Basic Skills Examination			
Status: Passed			
Scores			
Reading Passed	Writing Passed	Math Passed	Overall: Basic Skills Examination Passed
True	True	True	True

