



Reading Instruction Competence Assessment® (RICA®) Video Performance Assessment Test Results Report Explanation

Contents of Your Test Results Report

The enclosed test results report provides information about your performance on the RICA® Video Performance Assessment. Your test results report includes the submission deadline associated with the scoring of your video packets, your passing status, and the minimum passing score. Additional information is provided based on your passing status.

If you passed, your test results report includes a Passing Status Verification Slip. You may be required to provide this slip to your college, university, or district internship program, which will need to verify that you have passed the RICA before recommending you for a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential or an Education Specialist Instruction Credential. In addition, your test results report may include video packet diagnostic information indicating areas in need of improvement.

If you did not pass, but all three of your video packets met all of the submission requirements specified in the "Video Performance Assessment Requirements" section of the applicable *RICA Video Performance Assessment Procedures Manual*, your test results report includes your total score and video packet diagnostic information indicating areas in need of improvement.

If one or more of your video packets failed to meet one or more of the submission requirements specified in the "Video Performance Assessment Requirements" section of the applicable *RICA Video Performance Assessment Procedures Manual*, you did not pass. For each video packet that failed to meet requirements, your test results report indicates the specific requirement(s) not met. For each video packet that met all of the requirements, your test results report includes video packet diagnostic information indicating areas in need of improvement.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The information on your test results report is intended for use only in teacher credentialing. To preclude the use of RICA scores for purposes other than credentialing (e.g., employment, assignment), scores of passing candidates are not provided on their test results reports. RICA scores must be used toward a California credential within ten years of the test date.

Video Packet Scores, Total Score, and Minimum Passing Score

The RICA Video Performance Assessment allows you to demonstrate your knowledge and skills in the five domains included in the RICA Content Specifications, available on the California Educator Credentialing Examinations website at www.ctcexams.nesinc.com and in the *RICA Video Performance Assessment Procedures Manual*. The five domains are as follows:

- Domain 1: Planning, Organizing, and Managing Reading Instruction Based on Ongoing Assessment
- Domain 2: Word Analysis
- Domain 3: Fluency
- Domain 4: Vocabulary, Academic Language, and Background Knowledge
- Domain 5: Comprehension

Each video packet that meets the specified requirements is scored by at least two qualified and well-oriented California educators using standardized procedures and a four-point scoring scale. Scorers focus on the extent to which a response meets the following performance characteristics, which are based on the RICA Content Specifications and included in your *RICA Video Performance Assessment Procedures Manual*.

- *Purpose*: The candidate demonstrates an understanding of the relevant content and pedagogical knowledge from the specified RICA domain by fulfilling the purpose of the assignment.
- *Application of Content*: The candidate accurately and effectively applies the relevant content and pedagogical knowledge from the specified RICA domain by planning, presenting, and analyzing a lesson that is based on

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one or more appropriate objectives and that is appropriate in relation to the assessed needs of the students and the instructional setting (i.e., whole class, small group, or individual).

- *Support:* The candidate supports the submission with appropriate information, explanations, and rationales based on the relevant content and pedagogical knowledge from the specified RICA domain.

For each video packet, the scoring process results in two independent scores (one from each scorer) based on the four-point scale. Your total score is the sum of all scores for each of your three video packets. Test results are reported as scaled scores. A scaled score is based on the number of raw score points earned on each video packet. Raw scores are converted to a scale of 100 to 300, with the scaled score of 220 representing the minimum passing score. The minimum passing score was established by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing based on recommendations from California educators.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You either pass or do not pass the entire Video Performance Assessment, consisting of three video packets. You do not pass an individual video packet, and you may not resubmit a copy of any part of any video packet that has been previously scored.

Video Packet Diagnostic Information

For any video packet with a total score of 5 or less, your test results report includes video packet diagnostic information. For each such packet, one or more areas showing a need for improvement are indicated. This information, provided regardless of whether or not you passed the assessment, can be used in preparing to retake the RICA, if necessary, and in planning your continued professional development. For each video packet there are six areas that can be identified as needing improvement.

- Establishing an instructional objective based on assessment
- Identifying the RICA competency from which the lesson's central instructional objective was derived
- Planning an appropriate lesson aligned with the central instructional objective
- Delivering the lesson by providing students with direct, explicit instruction
- Analyzing the lesson
- Using accurate knowledge about reading as identified in the RICA Content Specifications

If You Did Not Pass

If you did not pass the RICA Video Performance Assessment, you may re-register and retake the assessment at any time. Alternatively, you may register for and take the RICA Written Examination. Passage of either the Video Performance Assessment or the Written Examination may be used to satisfy the requirement for both the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and the Education Specialist Instruction Credential.

All information necessary for registering for the Video Performance Assessment or the Written Examination is available on the California Educator Credentialing Examinations website at www.ctcexams.nesinc.com.

Reporting of RICA Results

Your RICA results have been sent to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Your RICA results will also be sent to the institution, if any, that you indicated when you registered for the RICA and to any other institution or office authorized by you or required by law, entity, or person required or authorized by law to receive this information.

To protect the confidentiality of your RICA results, they will not be provided to anyone over the telephone or by fax and will not be released to anyone without your written permission unless required by law.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Only you will receive a full test results report, containing your passing status, scaled score (if not passed), and diagnostic feedback. Any institution that you indicated when you registered will only receive your passing status.