

Teaching candidates who took the Praxis PLT 7-12 test from January 2003 through April 2004 could get benefits from a class action settlement.

A nationwide settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit about inaccurate scores and "false failure" scores on the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12 ("PPLT") test. The settlement provides \$11,100,000 to compensate those who suffered damages, as well as pay lawyers' fees and costs. In addition, it also lets those who didn't get a false failure score ask for a free score report.

If you're included, you may send in claim form(s) to ask for benefits, or you can exclude yourself, or object. The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana authorized this notice, and will have a hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement, so that payments and benefits can be issued. Get a detailed notice at www.PPLTclaims.com or by calling 1-888-279-4407.

WHO'S INCLUDED?

You are a "Class Member" if you took the PPLT examination between January 1, 2003 and April 30, 2004. You are not a Class Member if you already settled your claims and released Educational Testing Services ("ETS") from any further responsibility.

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

This lawsuit says that inaccurate scores on PPLT tests taken by teaching candidates and others from January 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004 caused approximately 4,100 people to be incorrectly told they had failed the test and approximately 23,000 other test takers to receive scores that were inaccurately low, although their pass or fail status was not affected. ETS administers the PPLT test, which a number of states use as part of their teacher certification process.

ETS denies all of the legal claims in this case. The settlement doesn't mean that any law was broken. The Court did not decide which side was right. Instead, the settlement resolves the case, and gets payments and benefits to Class Members.

WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

ETS agreed to pay \$11,100,000 to settle the lawsuit. The settlement fund will be used to provide cash payments for valid claims from Class Members for things like lost wages, decreased earning capacity, delayed graduation, personal injuries, mental anguish, psychological injury, incidental damages, humiliation and embarrassment, out of pocket losses, and other forms of damages. Lawyers' fees, court costs, and expenses will also come out of the fund. The settlement also makes a free score report

available to those who didn't receive a false failure (a \$35 value). More details are in the Settlement Agreement which is available at www.PPLTclaims.com.

HOW DO YOU ASK FOR BENEFITS?

You must complete and submit the appropriate claim form(s). You can seek a payment for any damages you may have suffered by filling out a detailed claim form. If you received a false failure, you can instead simply ask for approximately \$500 with a shorter claim form. If you didn't receive a false failure, you can submit a claim form for a free score report. You can get claim forms at www.PPLTclaims.com or by calling 1-888-279-4407. Please read the instructions carefully, fill out the claim form(s) and mail them postmarked no later than July 3, 2006 to the address on the form. Call 1-888-279-4407 if you have any questions about submitting your claim.

An independent "Special Master" will oversee the settlement fund. The Special Master will review claims and recommend to the Court how to allocate money among Class Members if and when the Court gives final approval to the settlement. The Court will approve how much money each Class Member gets.

WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER RIGHTS?

If you don't want to be legally bound by the settlement, you must exclude yourself by June 3, 2006, or you won't be able to sue, or continue to sue, ETS about the legal claims in this case. If you exclude yourself, you can't get money or benefits from this settlement. If you stay in the settlement, you may object to it by July 3, 2006. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing in this case, known as *In Re: Educational Testing Service Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12 Litigation*, MDL 1643, on July 12, 2006, to consider whether to approve the settlement, and a request by Settlement Class Counsel (Barrios, Kingsdorf & Casteix, LLP, of New Orleans, LA; Neblett, Beard & Arsenault, of Alexandria, LA; and Bohrer Law Firm, L.L.C. of Baton Rouge, LA) for fees for all of the lawyers representing Class Members of up to 40% of the settlement fund, plus costs and expenses. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost, but you don't have to. For more information, call or go to the website shown below.

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