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# REPORT

**ON INDEPENDENT TESTING OF PRIMARY  
SCHOOL TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL  
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS DURING  
TEACHER CERTIFICATION IN 2021**



# Teacher Certification

**is an external assessment of the professional competencies of a pedagogical worker carried out through independent testing, self-assessment, and study of the teacher's practical work experience.**

The test items for independent testing were designed by the specialists of the Ukrainian Center for Educational Quality Assessment in accordance with the Program of Independent Testing of Primary School Teachers' Professional Knowledge and Skills, approved by order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 33 dated 14 January 2019 and General Characteristics of a Test for Independent Testing of Primary School Teachers' Professional Knowledge and Skills, approved by the Ukrainian Center with Order No. 214 dated 17 December 2020.

The test contained 100 test items, distributed according to sections / subsections of the Independent Testing Program and The Test Characteristics. The duration of the test was 180 minutes. A test-taker could get 100 score points if all the items were answered correctly.

No more than **2,000** participants could take part in the Teacher Certification in 2021. The maximum number of regional quotas was determined by Order No. 1522 of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated 4 December 2020. In 2021, registration for participation in the Teacher Certification lasted throughout 18-31 January (18-27 January was the period of the main stage within the limits of the maximum number for each region, 28-31 January was the period of the additional stage within the limit of the total number).

# REGISTERED FOR THE CERTIFICATION

# 1,755



which is 87,75% of the established quota.

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In 2021, the first stage of the certification proceedings was held. It was an independent testing conducted on **27 February 2021**. The turnout rate was **92.4% (1,622 people)**.

**The results of the independent testing were posted on the participants' information pages on 15 March.**

Those participants of the certification proceedings who scored at least **60%** of the maximum number of score points are considered to have passed independent testing. This is the basis for admission to the next certification stage. In 2021, **1,025 people** were admitted for the second stage of the certification (58.4% of the total registered; 63.2% of the number of independent testing participants).

The Ukrainian Center for the Educational Quality Assessment handed over the database of participants who successfully performed the independent testing to The State Service of Educational Quality for the organization and implementation of the next stages of certification proceedings – the participants' self-evaluation of their own pedagogical skills and expert evaluation of their professional competencies by studying their teaching practice experience.

*All stages of preparation and conduct of independent testing for teachers (registration, formation of a network of testing centers, distribution of the participants among the testing centers, organization of the testing centres work, scoring and publication of the results, appeal campaign) were implemented on the appropriate organizational level.*

