

## Utah's Foundations of Reading Assessment (UFORA)

A passing score on the Utah Foundations of Reading Assessment (UFORA) is required for individuals seeking a Utah professional license in elementary, early childhood, and special education. **Individuals who apply for licensure on or after September 1, 2024 will need to pass the Foundations of Reading assessment with a score of 240 or higher to receive their license.** Candidates who do not receive a score of 240 or higher on their first attempt will have the following options:

- **Retake the Utah Foundations of Reading Assessment (UFORA).**  
Individuals may receive additional support from their preparation program to improve their literacy preparation skills and retake the UFORA at their own expense. For information on how to prepare and register for the UFORA, visit our website: <https://www.ut.nesinc.com/>.
- **Pass ONE (1) of Utah FLEX Foundations of Reading Series (900 or 901) options.** Individuals who received an overall score of 231-239 on the UFORA will be eligible to complete Utah's FLEX Foundations of Reading (900 or 901) assessment. This assessment requires candidates to provide a written submission to demonstrate their subject matter knowledge. Candidates who pass either the 900 or 901 FLEX assessment will meet the Utah Foundations of Reading assessment requirement for licensure. For more information on the Series FLEX Foundations of Reading option, visit our website: <https://www.ut.nesinc.com/>.
- **Complete the Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Competencies for Elementary Literacy Microcredential Pathway.** The EPP Competencies for Elementary Literacy Microcredential Pathway contains the following (3) three microcredentials:
  - [Structured Literacy Acquisition and Development \(ID: 3225\)](#)
  - [Comprehension, Vocabulary, and Writing \(ID: 3226\)](#)
  - [Informing and Adjusting Literacy Instruction Based on Assessment and Monitoring \(ID: 3227\)](#)

Candidates who successfully complete all three (3) microcredentials will meet the Utah Foundations of Reading Assessment requirement for licensure. For more information on the EPP Competencies for Elementary Literacy Microcredential Pathway, including how to register for the microcredentials, visit our website: <https://usbe.midaseducation.com/microcredentials>.

**Candidates with a documented hearing disability and cannot pass the phonics portion of UFORA, may use the below process to meet the literacy assessment requirements:**

You will need to submit a licensing appeal. Please contact the executive secretary, [Dijana Karabegovic](#), and explain your situation. You will be required to complete these steps:

- i. Candidate required to take UFORA at least once, per state code
- ii. Candidate required to provide documentation of disability of deaf/hard of hearing
- iii. MCs required, with reasonable accommodations. Candidate to contact Literacy Specialist, [Sammy Willey](#).
  1. Vocabulary/Comprehension/Writing
  2. Informing and adjusting literacy instruction based on assessment and monitoring
  3. Exempt from structured literacy acquisition and development

For additional questions about the UFORA, visit the [FAQ Document](#) on our website or reach out to USBE Licensing Staff at [licensing@schools.utah.gov](mailto:licensing@schools.utah.gov) or 801-538-7740.

