


## Academic Literacy Skills Test (ALST) safety net Information from the New York State Education Department (NYSDOE) Website

(<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certexamsafetynets.html>)

The ALST Safety Net allows any candidate, who takes and fails the ALST, to submit an attestation attesting that he/she has demonstrated comparable literacy skills consistent with what would be assessed by the ALST through course completion. The candidate must have completed a minimum of three semester hours and received a 3.0 grade point average or higher in such coursework. This safety net was implemented retroactively and will apply to anyone who has failed the ALST.

An original official transcript or a copy of the official transcript from the college/university where the coursework was completed that fulfills the requirements listed below must be submitted along with the attestation. The college/university where such coursework was completed must be a regionally accredited, degree-granting institution.

You will find the form on the website:

- [Attestation for a Candidate to Use the Academic Literacy Skills Test Safety Net Form](#)  (188KB)

### **Important information: Submission of the ALST Safety Net Attestation**

- The completed ALST attestation form together with an official original or a copy of the official transcript, with the course(s) that filled the requirement circled, must be submitted to the Office of Teaching Initiatives (OTI).
- After the ALST attestation is submitted to OTI and reviewed, and if approved, the document will be logged into the candidate's TEACH account as a document received in the "Documents you sent to OT/BOCES" table in TEACH. The document type is "ALST Safety Net Attestation". The candidate's ALST test score will not change.
- If the ALST attestation was submitted and is not logged into the

candidate's TEACH account it may still be under review.

- The exam requirement will not show as met until the safety net(s) are the last requirement for certification. If a candidate has met all requirements for certification by June 30, 2018 except the use of one or more of the safety nets and the certificate has not issued, send an email to [examsafetynet@nysed.gov](mailto:examsafetynet@nysed.gov) with the candidates first and last name, the last four digits of the social security number and the date of birth, and request that the safety net(s) be applied. We will then review the candidate's application.

### **Deadline for submission of the ALST Safety Net Attestation**

- To be eligible for the ALST Safety Net, the ALST Safety Net attestation and copy of the transcript must be received by the Office of Teaching Initiatives on or before June 30, 2017.

The safety nets will be effective through June 30, 2017. If necessary, candidates may take advantage of multiple safety nets in order to meet the requirements for certification and will have until June 30, 2018, one year later, to meet all other certification requirements. If a candidate has met all requirements for certification by June 30, 2018 except the use of one or more of the safety nets and the certificate has not been issued, send an email to: [examsafetynet@nysed.gov](mailto:examsafetynet@nysed.gov), with the candidates first and last name, the last four digits of the social security number and the date of birth and request that the safety net(s) be applied. We will then review the candidate's application.

**Any exam requirement to be satisfied by one of the safety nets must be satisfied on or before June 30, 2017.** For example, a candidate who has failed both the edTPA and the ALST may use both applicable safety nets. However, all the requirements for the edTPA Safety Net and the ALST Safety Net must be met on or before June 30, 2017; the candidate will then have one additional year, until June 30, 2018, to complete all other requirements (example: coursework; DASA training).