



### **2012 to 2103 NPTE Score Conversion Table**

- This document is designed to assist schools and other test score users to translate 2012 NPTE scores to the new 2013 NPTE scoring scale, or vice versa.
- The document may be useful for comparing average scores from 2012 to average scores from 2013.
- Part of the reason for rescaling the NPTE in 2013 was to get more consistent and informative scores across forms. Prior to 2012, scores were consistent at the cut score, and then became less consistent across forms further away from the cut score (50-100 points).
- The new scale score ensures that scores at all levels have the same interpretation across forms, regardless of how far they are from the cut score.
- The implication is that prior to 2013, for example, schools with high NPTE scale score averages might see fluctuations in their average scores that were, in part, a function of differences between forms across the years. From 2013 forward, that issue should be minimized.
- It is also important to note that when we made the new scale, we did as much as possible to ensure that scores would be as consistent as possible, on average, with the previous scale. Therefore, the average differences between 400-700 scale score points are minimal. However, since individual forms varied, school or jurisdiction averages from 2012 and before might have been influenced by the forms the candidates took.
- The PT and PTA forms are slightly more difficult in 2013, as can be seen from the fact that a 600 (passing score) on the PT form in 2012 would be equivalent to a 599 on the 2013 scale (not passing). On the PTA form, a 600 is equivalent to a 594.
- Near the top of the scale is where scores are very different. Prior to 2013, an 800 was a “perfect score” on the NPTE. Now a candidate can receive an 800 without getting a perfect score. Like other tests that use scaled scores (e.g., the SAT and GRE), we have capped the scale at the point at which score differences no longer have any meaning. For example, we can’t say with much confidence that a candidate who gets 195 questions right knows more than a candidate who gets 192 right: they are both really high scores.



**NPTE-PT Score Conversion Table**

2012 Score	2013 Score
400	402
410	412
420	421
430	431
440	441
450	451
460	460
470	470
480	479
490	489
500	498
510	508
520	516
530	527
540	537
550	547
560	557
570	569
580	577
590	588
<b>600</b>	<b>599</b>
610	611
620	622
630	635
640	647
650	660
660	675
670	690
680	704
690	720
700	737
710	756
720	776
730	796
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**NPTE-PTA Score Conversion Table**

2012 Score	2013 Score
400	408
410	417
420	427
430	435
440	445
450	454
460	464
470	473
480	483
490	492
500	501
510	510
520	519
530	528
540	538
550	547
560	557
570	566
580	575
590	585
<b>600</b>	<b>594</b>
610	604
620	614
630	626
640	636
650	647
660	657
670	670
680	683
690	697
700	711
710	726
720	742
730	762
740	786
750+	800