

Title I Paraprofessional Requirements

All instructional paraprofessionals and working in a program supported by title I funds must have the following qualifications:

High school diploma (or GED) AND

- 1) Two years of college (32 credit hours) OR
- 2) Associate's degree OR
- 3) Rigorous standard of quality on formal state or local assessment*

In Idaho, the "rigorous formal state assessment" is the ParaPro Assessment offered by the Education Testing Service (ETS). For more information, go to www.ets.org . Click on 'Tests' link and then the ParaPro Assessment link. Information about the test and how and when to register to take the test is available at this website.

All paraprofessional who provide instructional services and who work in a program supported with Title I funds must meet these qualifications. This means that in a schoolwide program, the Title I requirements apply to all instructional paraprofessionals, for the same reasons that all teachers in a schoolwide program are considered Title I-paid teachers. However, in a targeted assistance program, the paraprofessional qualification requirements apply to instructional paraprofessionals who are paid with Title I, Part A funds. It does not apply to paraprofessionals who are paid from other federal funds such as Title I-C, 21st Century Schools, of IDEA or from non-federal funds, even if those individuals are working with Title I students.

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