Agency FAQs – PELLETB CLOZE Sub-test Removal

1. **What does the PELLETB measure?**

   The PELLETB is a multiple-choice examination designed to measure reading and writing ability. Prior to January 1, 2025, the PELLETB contained five sections:
   - Spelling
   - Vocabulary
   - Clarity
   - Reading Comprehension
   - CLOZE

2. **What is the CLOZE sub-test?**

   The CLOZE sub-test is intended to measure reading ability. The CLOZE sub-test measures applicants' ability to use contextual clues to complete a passage that contains missing words. The test is completed by supplying missing words in sentences and then coding those words on the answer sheet.

3. **Why is the CLOZE sub-test being removed?**

   Research has found that the CLOZE sub-test is redundant when compared to the other reading and writing sub-tests, offering little additional value. The decision to remove the CLOZE sub-test is supported by ongoing research, including a research study conducted for POST by California State University, Sacramento.

4. **Can my agency continue to administer the PELLETB with the CLOZE sub-test?**

   All test requests for administrations on and after January 1, 2025, will be provided with the new test versions and updated proctor instructions which exclude the CLOZE sub-test. Agencies do not have the option to decide which test version to administer.

5. **Will the T-score breakdown change with the removal of the CLOZE sub-test?**

   No. The T-score breakdown will continue to include a breakdown for reading, writing, and total T-scores. The reading T-score will not be calculated with the CLOZE sub-test for any administrations on or after January 1, 2025.

6. **Can applicants retake the test without the CLOZE sub-test?**

   Applicants will continue to have the option to retest after 30 days of their most recent test date.

7. **Will the recommended cutoff score change?**

   No. POST continues to recommend a cut score of 42 or above. POST research shows that the likelihood of successful academy completion increases for every point above 42 an applicant scores. Given the diverse needs of California law enforcement agencies, POST does not require all agencies to use the same passing

score. Agencies are allowed to locally determine the passing score that best fits their hiring needs and standards. Please see the User Manual for more detailed information about cut score recommendations.

8. **What action does my agency need to take?**

   When you submit a test order, POST will send you the appropriate material.

9. **Will test administration times change?**

   Due to the removal of the CLOZE sub-test, future test administrations that have not yet been scheduled shall decrease to approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes for the total administration time. This includes 30 minutes of instructions and 1 hour and 45 minutes for candidates to take the exam.

10. **Who do I contact if I have questions?**

    You may contact exam.research@post.ca.gov with any questions.