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# ADULT EDUCATION MEMO NO. 68-24

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**TO:** Adult Education Program Administrators

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## SUBJECT: Addendum to Assessment Policy for Program Year 2023-2024

The purpose of this memo is to alert adult education providers that an addendum to the Assessment Policy approves two new assessments: BEST Literacy 2.0 and BEST Plus 3.0, both from the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL). These tests are now available and approved for use in Virginia for reporting purposes. Programs must follow the training and use requirements set forth by the publisher. The [Addendum](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showdocument?id=52631) is available on the [Program Policy and Guidance](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/specialized-instruction/adult-education/program-policy-guidance) webpage, directly under the [*Assessment and Distance Education Policy for Virginia Adult Education and Literacy Programs*](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/34728/638403121344770000). All instructional and assessment staff should be made aware of this Addendum to the current program year Policy.

Additional questions may be directed to [OAEL@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:OAEL@doe.virginia.gov).

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