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# ADULT EDUCATION MEMO NO. 70-24

**DATE:** April 3, 2024

**TO:** Adult Education Program Administrators

**FROM:** Dr. J. Anthony Williams, Director

 Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education

## SUBJECT: Extension of Approval for Existing Assessments Reported in the National Reporting System

This memo announces that certain assessments approved through June 30, 2024 in the [*2023-2024 Assessment and Distance Education Policy for Virginia Adult Education and Literacy Programs*](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/34728/638216496318270000) have been granted an extended sunset period until June 30, 2025. All program staff involved in administering assessments should be made aware of the changes.

The updates are based on the Federal Register announcement of [March 18, 2024](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/03/18/2024-05679/tests-determined-to-be-suitable-for-use-in-the-national-reporting-system-for-adult-education) of the extension of existing approvals of tests approved for use in the National Reporting System (NRS).

The following English as a Second Language (ESL) tests are approved for an extended period until June 30, 2025, for use by adult education programs in Virginia:

1. Basic English Skills Test (BEST) Literacy
2. Basic English Skills Test (BEST) Plus 2.0
3. *Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) Life and Work Listening Assessments (LW Listening)*
4. Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) Reading Assessments (Life and Work)
5. *Tests of Adult Basic Education Complete Language Assessment System-English (TABE/CLAS-E)*

Reminder of Assessment Policy #10: Students must be pre- and post-tested on the same assessment instrument in order to report Measurable Skill Gains (MSG).

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Silver-Pacuilla, Ph.D., Adult Education Coordinator, by email at [oael@doe.virginia.gov](file:///%5C%5CWCS02021%5Cgroupdir%5CADULTED%5CGeneral%20Correspondence%5CAdult%20Ed%20Correspondence%5CFinals%20for%20Web%5Coael%40doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 774-2377.

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