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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Tests Determined To Be Suitable for Use in the National Reporting System for Adult Education

AGENCY: Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary annually announces tests, test forms, and delivery formats that the Secretary determines to be suitable for use in the National Reporting System for Adult Education (NRS).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 14, 2008, we published in the **Federal Register** final regulations for 34 CFR part 462, Measuring Educational Gain in the National Reporting System for Adult Education (NRS regulations) (73 FR 2306). The NRS regulations established the process the Secretary uses to determine the suitability of tests for use in the NRS. We annually publish in the **Federal Register** and post on the Internet at <http://www.nrsweb.org> a list of the names of tests and the educational functioning levels the tests are suitable to measure in the NRS as required by § 462.12(c)(2) of the NRS regulations.

On April 16, 2008, we published in the **Federal Register** a notice providing test publishers an opportunity to submit tests for review under the NRS regulations (73 FR 20616).

On February 2, 2010, we published in the **Federal Register** a notice (February 2010 notice) listing the tests and test forms the Secretary determined to be suitable for use in the NRS (75 FR 5303).

The Secretary determined tests and test forms to be suitable for a period of either seven or three years from the date of the February notice. A seven-year approval required no additional action

on the part of the publisher, unless the information the publisher submitted as a basis for the Secretary's review was inaccurate or unless the test is substantially revised. A three-year approval was issued with a set of conditions that must be met by the completion of the three-year period. If these conditions are met, the Secretary approves a period of time for which the test may continue to be used in the NRS.

On September 12, 2011, we published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 56188) a notice (September 2011 notice) to update the list published on February 2, 2010 (75 FR 5303), and include suitable test delivery formats. The update clarified that some, but not all, tests using computer-adaptive or computer-based delivery formats are suitable for use in the NRS.

The Secretary publishes here the same list of forms and computer delivery formats for the tests published in the September 2011 notice. Adult education programs must use only the approved forms and computer delivery formats for the tests published in this notice. If a particular test form or computer delivery format is not explicitly specified for a test in this notice, it is not approved for use in the NRS.

Tests Determined To Be Suitable for Use in the NRS for Seven Years

(a) The Secretary has determined that the following test is suitable for use at all Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Adult Secondary Education (ASE) levels and at all English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) levels of the NRS for a period of seven years beginning on February 2, 2010:

Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) Reading Assessments (Life and Work, Life Skills, Reading for Citizenship, Reading for Language Arts—Secondary Level). Forms 27, 28, 81, 82, 81X, 82X, 83, 84, 85, 86, 185, 186, 187, 188, 310, 311, 513, 514, 951, 952, 951X, and 952X of this test are approved for use on paper and through the computer-based delivery format. Publisher: CASAS, 5151 Murphy Canyon Road, Suite 220, San Diego, CA 92123-4339. Telephone: (800) 255-1036. Internet: www.casas.org.

(b) The Secretary has determined that the following tests are suitable for use at all ABE and ASE levels of the NRS for a period of seven years beginning on February 2, 2010:

(1) *Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) Life Skills Math Assessments—Application of Mathematics (Secondary Level).* Forms 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 505, and 506 of this test are approved for use on

paper and through the computer-based delivery format. Publisher: CASAS, 5151 Murphy Canyon Road, Suite 220, San Diego, CA 92123-4339. Telephone: (800) 255-1036. Internet: www.casas.org.

(2) *Massachusetts Adult Proficiency Test (MAPT) for Math.* This test is approved for use through a computer-adaptive delivery format. Publisher: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and University of Massachusetts Amherst, School of Education, 156 Hills South, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. Telephone: (413) 545-0564. Internet: www.sabes.org/assessment/mapt.htm.

(3) *Massachusetts Adult Proficiency Test (MAPT) for Reading.* This test is approved for use through the computer-adaptive delivery format. Publisher: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and University of Massachusetts Amherst, School of Education, 156 Hills South, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. Telephone: (413) 545-0564. Internet: www.sabes.org/assessment/mapt.htm.

(4) *Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE 9/10).* Forms 9 and 10 are approved for use on paper and through the computer-based delivery format. Publisher: CTB/McGraw Hill, 20 Ryan Ranch Road, Monterey, CA 93940. Telephone: (800) 538-9547. Internet: www.ctb.com.

(5) *Tests of Adult Basic Education Survey (TABE Survey).* Forms 9 and 10 are approved for use on paper and through the computer-based delivery format. Publisher: CTB/McGraw Hill, 20 Ryan Ranch Road, Monterey, CA 93940. Telephone: (800) 538-9547. Internet: www.ctb.com.

(c) The Secretary has determined that the following tests are suitable for use at all ESL levels of the NRS for a period of seven years beginning on February 2, 2010:

(1) *Basic English Skills Test (BEST) Literacy.* Forms B, C, and D are approved for use on paper. Publisher: Center for Applied Linguistics, 4646 40th Street NW., Washington, DC 20016-1859. Telephone: (202) 362-0700. Internet: www.cal.org.

(2) *Tests of Adult Basic Education Complete Language Assessment System—English (TABE/CLAS-E).* Forms A and B are approved for use on paper. Publisher: CTB/McGraw Hill, 20 Ryan Ranch Road, Monterey, CA 93940. Telephone: (800) 538-9547. Internet: www.ctb.com.

Tests Determined To Be Suitable for Use in the NRS for Three Years

(a) The Secretary has determined that the following tests are suitable for use at all ABE and ASE levels and at all ESL levels of the NRS for a period of three years beginning on February 2, 2010:

(1) *Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) Employability Competency System (ECS) Reading Assessments—Workforce Learning Systems (WLS)*. Forms 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 114, 116, 213, 214, 215, and 216 are approved for use on paper and through the computer-based delivery format. Publisher: CASAS, 5151 Murphy Canyon Road, Suite 220, San Diego, CA 92123-4339. Telephone: (800) 255-1036. Internet: www.casas.org.

(2) *Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) Functional Writing Assessments*. Forms 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, and 466 are approved for use on paper. Publisher: CASAS, 5151 Murphy Canyon Road, Suite 220, San Diego, CA 92123-4339. Telephone: (800) 255-1036. Internet: www.casas.org.

(b) The Secretary has determined that the following tests are suitable for use at all ABE and ASE levels of the NRS for a period of three years beginning on February 2, 2010:

(1) *Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) Employability Competency System (ECS) Math Assessments—Workforce Learning Systems (WLS)*. Forms 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 213, 214, 215, and 216 are approved for use on paper and through the computer-based delivery format. Publisher: CASAS, 5151 Murphy Canyon Road, Suite 220, San Diego, CA 92123-4339. Telephone: (800) 255-1036. Internet: www.casas.org.

(2) *General Assessment of Instructional Needs (GAIN)—Test of English Skills*. Forms A and B are approved for use on paper and through the computer-based delivery format. Publisher: Wonderlic Inc., 400 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 200, Vernon Hills, IL 60061. Telephone: (877) 605-9496. Internet: www.wonderlic.com.

(3) *General Assessment of Instructional Needs (GAIN)—Test of Math Skills*. Forms A and B are approved for use on paper and through the computer-based delivery format. Publisher: Wonderlic Inc., 400 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 200, Vernon Hills, IL 60061. Telephone: (877) 605-9496. Internet: www.wonderlic.com.

(c) The Secretary has determined that the following tests are suitable for use at the High Intermediate, Low Adult

Secondary, and High Adult Secondary levels of the NRS for a period of three years beginning on February 2, 2010:

(1) *WorkKeys: Applied Mathematics*. Forms 210 and 220 are approved for use on paper. Publisher: ACT, 500 ACT Drive, P.O. Box 168, Iowa City, Iowa 52243-0168. Telephone: (800) 967-5539. Internet: www.act.org.

(2) *WorkKeys: Reading for Information*. Forms 110 and 120 are approved for use on paper. Publisher: ACT, 500 ACT Drive, P.O. Box 168, Iowa City, Iowa 52243-0168. Telephone: (800) 967-5539. Internet: www.act.org.

(d) The Secretary has determined that the following tests are suitable for use at all ESL levels of the NRS for a period of three years beginning on February 2, 2010:

(1) *Basic English Skills Test (BEST) Plus*. Forms A, B, and C are approved for use on paper and through the computer-adaptive delivery format. Publisher: Center for Applied Linguistics, 4646 40th Street NW., Washington, DC 20016-1859. Telephone: (202) 362-0700. Internet: www.cal.org.

(2) *Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) Employability Competency System (ECS) Listening Assessments—Life Skills (LS)*. Forms 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 63, 64, 65, and 66 are approved for use on paper and through the computer-based delivery format. Publisher: CASAS, 5151 Murphy Canyon Road, Suite 220, San Diego, CA 92123-4339. Telephone: (800) 255-1036. Internet: www.casas.org.

Expiring Tests

The Secretary will allow States a period to sunset an expiring test and transition to other tests suitable for use in the NRS. States may use the transition period to select new tests, purchase appropriate inventories of assessment materials, and provide training to staff. Specifically, tests with three-year NRS approvals expiring on February 2, 2013, may continue to be used during a transition period ending on June 30, 2014.

Revocation of Tests

Under certain circumstances the Secretary may revoke the determination that a test is suitable (see 34 CFR 462.12(e)). If the Secretary revokes the determination of suitability, the Secretary announces through the **Federal Register** and posts on the Internet at www.nrsweb.org a notice of that revocation along with the date by which States and local eligible

providers must stop using the revoked test.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and Request for OMB Review and Comment.

SUMMARY: EIA has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its information collection, EIA-882T, "Generic Clearance for Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation, and Research." The proposed collection will utilize qualitative and quantitative methodologies to pretest questionnaires and validate EIA survey forms data quality, including conducting pretest