

Who needs to recertify? When and how?

This guide provides a high-level overview of recertification requirements for NRS assessment administrators/scorers. Please refer to the [Assessment Policies Manual](#) for more details.

To ensure scoring accuracy and serve as an opportunity for practitioners to refresh their skills, annual recertification **is required** of BEST Plus 2.0 administrators and CLAS-E Writing scorers.

Recertification is **not required** of MAPT-CCR and CLAS-E Writing administrators, nor CLAS-E Reading and TABE 11/12 (Levels L through A) administrators and scorers.

Recertification Timing

Eligibility

In **early January**, the UMass CEA sends all Directors a list with the names and email addresses of the practitioners at their program eligible to recertify as well as those who are exempt. Program Directors have two weeks to inform the CEA if any changes are needed.

Resources

Also in **January**, the UMass CEA sends Directors links to recertification resources to share with practitioners as appropriate, including webinars, FAQ documents, and (for CLAS-E Writing scoring only) refresher packets.

Materials

During the **last week of January**, the UMass CEA emails recertification instructions and links to resources to all eligible practitioners, and Directors receive a copy. Since email delivery issues can happen, Directors should check that all practitioners eligible for recertification received the instructions and, if not, send them a copy.

Results

Between **February and March**, as recertification requirements are completed, the UMass CEA notifies practitioners of their results via email. Program Directors are copied in the email.

Email update

Program Directors receive an email update with the status of all BEST Plus 2.0 administrators and CLAS-E Writing Scorers in their program in **April**, at the end of the recertification period.

Did you know?

Some refresher materials are permanently available in a password-protected section of the ACLS Test Help blog.

To obtain the password, please email:

aclstesthelp@educ.umass.edu



Recertification Requirements

BEST Plus 2.0 administrators recertify by:

- Taking part in a scoring refresher
- Successfully completing a 30-minute scoring activity
- Administering a minimum of 10 BEST Plus 2.0 tests within the last fiscal year.

CLAS-E Writing scorers recertify by:

- Taking part in a scoring refresher
- Successfully completing a recertification packet that consists of 20 writing samples

The following groups are EXEMPT from recertification:

- **BEST Plus 2.0**
 - Practitioners who became certified during the current fiscal year
 - Practitioners who earned “RRR” on the Scoring Activity for three years in a row and are on their first or second year of auto-recertification
- **CLAS-E Writing Scoring**
 - Practitioners who became certified during the current fiscal year

Key Takeaways

Recertification happens from the start of February to the end of March.

Program Directors should look out for four emails from the UMass CEA in January: one about the recertification eligibility of their staff, one about resources to help practitioners prepare, and two with recertification instructions (one for BEST Plus 2.0, one for CLAS-E Writing Scoring).

BEST Plus 2.0 administrators and CLAS-E Writing scorers should look out for an email from the UMass CEA during the last week of January. It will include test-specific recertification instructions and links to resources.

Please email aclstesthelp@educ.umass.edu if you have any questions.

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