

# BEST Plus 3.0 Transition: Informational Webinar

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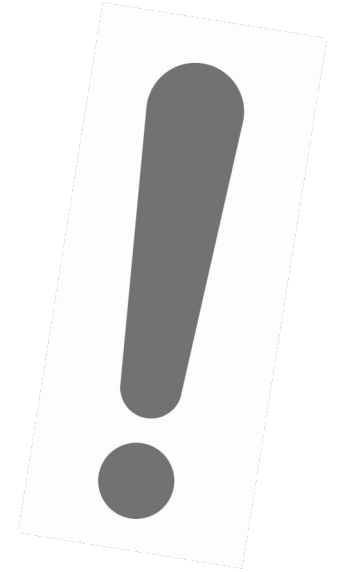
# BEST Plus 3.0 Transition: Welcome

- Please raise your Zoom hand if you have questions or comments. There are a lot of you here and we don't want to miss anyone!
- Feel free to submit questions in the chat. That's a great way to record questions that we can ask CAL at a later date.

# BEST Plus 3.0 Transition: Agenda

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- First, what we know:
  - Test Changes and Materials
  - Testing and Post-Testing Students
  - Current Test Administrators' Transition to 3.0
  - New Test Administrators
- Then, what do you need to know?
  - What questions do you have for us?
  - What questions do you have for CAL?
    - We'll ask CAL your questions and report back to the field.



# BEST Plus 3.0 Transition: Key Points

- BEST Plus 2.0 is approved for use through FY24 (June 30, 2024)
  - No carryover of 2.0 scores into FY25 will be possible
- BEST Plus 3.0 should be used starting FY25 (July 1, 2024)
  - Students cannot have a pretest with one version and posttest with another
- All currently-certified test administrators must transition their certification from version 2.0 to 3.0 to administer the 3.0 test

# BEST Plus 3.0 Transition: Test Changes and Materials

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Aligned	Adaptive	Question Types, Rubric	Content	Cloud-Based	Score Management
<p><u>2016 ELPs for Adult Education</u></p> <p><u>2017 NRS EFLs</u></p>	<p>New multi-staged adaptive format underlying the test</p>	<p>New test section with new question types, and a new category in the rubric to measure higher proficiency performances</p>	<p>Updated to reflect contemporary life in the U.S.</p>	<p>Brand new, user-friendly test platform application with cloud-based data storage</p>	<p>Easy-access, cloud-based portal to manage the program's test data</p>

*Updates provided by the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL)*

# BEST Plus 3.0 Transition: Test Changes and Materials (cont.)

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- CAL is unable to exchange or provide credit for unused BEST Plus 2.0 tests
- CAL anticipates tests and new training materials to be available sometime in January 2024 to coincide with the release of the online training
- There will be new pricing for tests and materials
  - CAL has posted the new pricelist on their website [here](#)
- The Center for Educational Assessment (CEA) plans to provide one TAG to each program with certified testers

→ Programs will need to purchase additional TAGs for administrators

# BEST Plus 3.0 Transition: Testing and Post-Testing Students

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- BEST Plus 2.0 tests should be administered through June 30, 2024
- Starting July 1, 2024, only BEST Plus 3.0 tests should be used
- You may not use BEST Plus 2.0 as a pre-test and BEST Plus 3.0 as the accompanying post-test
  - All students should pre- and post-test with the same generation of test

# BEST Plus 3.0 Transition: Current Test Administrators' Transition to 3.0

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- CAL is offering a free, online, self-accessed, self-paced transition webinar/training
  - Available from early 2024 through sometime in August 2024
- There are two parts:
  - Part A is a 2.0 scoring refresher
  - Part B focuses on the new item types, and new rubric for higher-level responses
  - Current test administrators will have the option to skip Part A (2.0 scoring refresher) and only do Part B (new 3.0 content), or do both

**All current test administrators MUST complete CAL's webinar/training to be certified to administer 3.0**



# BEST Plus 3.0 Transition:

## Current Test Administrators' Transition to 3.0 (cont.)

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- Upon completion of the webinar/training, attendees will do a scoring quiz, and if the passing score is met, they are certified to administer BEST Plus 3.0

**Individuals MUST forward their completion confirmation email from CAL to [aclstesthelp@umass.edu](mailto:aclstesthelp@umass.edu)**

- The CEA will communicate with all ~500 certified test administrators in the state, as well as program directors, with reminders to:
  - 1) do the training
  - 2) send confirmation of completion

# BEST Plus 3.0 Transition:

## Current Test Administrators' Transition to 3.0 (cont.)

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- No TAG is needed for the CAL webinar/training but a TAG will be needed to administer the 3.0 test
- During the transition period (through August 2024), individuals can review the free webinar multiple times
  - If someone does not pass the quiz, they can revisit the webinar/training and retake as many times as they'd like during the availability window for free

# BEST Plus 3.0 Transition: New Test Administrators

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- The CEA is offering one more ‘regular’ 2.0 training in January 2024
  - Those attendees (like everyone already trained this year) will then have to do the transition webinar/training from CAL in order to administer 3.0 in FY25
- The CEA will work with CAL to ensure our trainers are ready to offer new test administrator trainings in Summer 2024

# Next Steps

## For the CEA and ACLS

- We are in contact with CAL and will follow up with your questions
- We will send emails to program directors and test administrators when materials are available
- We will send reminders to do the webinar/training throughout the transition period

## For You and Your Colleagues

- Check CAL's FAQ page for updates: <https://www.cal.org/aea/faqs/>
- Stay close to your email
- Reach out to us at the CEA with questions anytime!

# What Questions or Concerns Do You Have?

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- We will compile a list of questions for CAL and send more information out to the field as we receive it.

When is the software going to be available for preview?

When can we start to buy 3.0 administrations?



What other questions do you have?

# Contact us anytime!

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