BEST Plus Transition: Informational Webinar

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WHO'S WHO









The **Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL)** is the publisher of the BEST Plus assessments.

They set the timeline for the BEST Plus 3.0 transition. The **Center for Educational Assessment (CEA) at UMass Amherst** provides test support and trainings for BEST Plus test administrators. The Adult and Community Learning Services (ACLS)

unit of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) funds programs and develops assessment policies. You, **the field**, administers BEST Plus assessments to your students, in addition to many other things!





BEST PLUS TRANSITION PLAN: WHAT TO KNOW FOR FY25 (JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025)



- Use BEST Plus 2.0 for all pre- & post-tests.
- BEST Plus 2.0 tests administered after April 1, 2024 are eligible to be moved forward in FY25 and used as pre-tests until December 2024.

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TRAINING:

- UMass CEA will continue to offer BEST Plus 2.0 trainings.
- CAL will release their self-paced transition training (date not yet specified). All current test administrators will complete that training.

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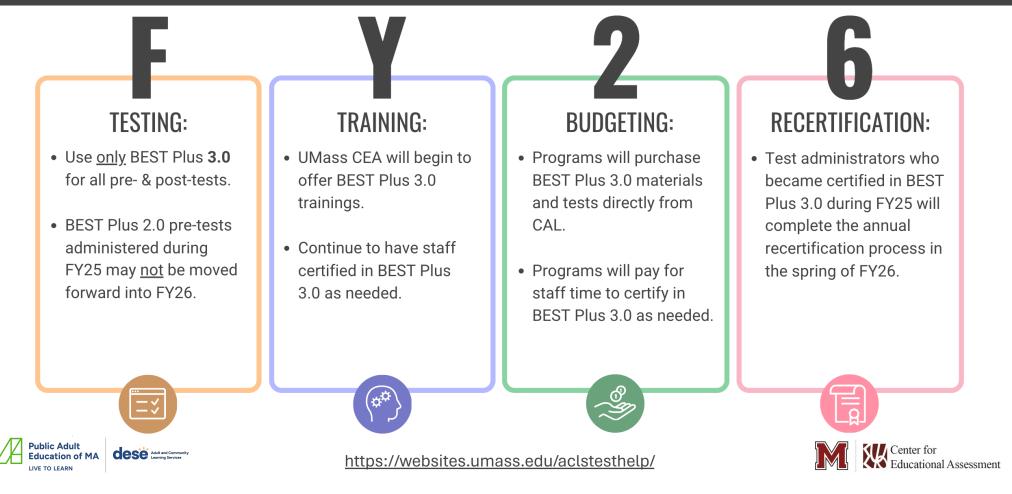
BUDGETING:

- Programs will continue to purchase BEST Plus 2.0 materials and tests directly from CAL.
- Programs will pay for staff time to certify in BEST Plus 2.0 as needed and BEST Plus 3.0 when CAL's transition training is available.
- Programs should prioritize certification of staff in BEST Plus 3.0 during FY25 and allocate FY25 funds to this priority, as well as the purchase of BEST Plus 3.0 TAGs.

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BEST PLUS TRANSITION PLAN: WHAT TO KNOW FOR FY26 (JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026)



BEST PLUS TRANSITION: LOOKING AHEAD TO FY25 AND FY26

•What questions do you have?

• Please share aloud or use Zoom's Chat function





BEST PLUS TRANSITION PLAN: COMMUNICATION & UPDATES

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1 READ THE FULL ACLS MEMO

ACLS recently released a memo detailing everything we currently know about the BEST Plus transition. View that memo <u>here</u>, or at the ACLS Test Help Blog.

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2 STAY UP TO DATE

- Make sure to read the ACLS monthly mailings.
- Check the <u>ACLS Test Help Blog</u> for updates on the transition.
- Check <u>CAL's FAQ page</u> for updates and answers to frequently asked questions.



3 REACH OUT WITH QUESTIONS

Send your questions and concerns to the UMass CEA at <u>aclstesthelp@umass.edu</u>.

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