

**Alignment of NRS ESL Educational Functioning Levels with the
BEST Literacy Skills Section and BEST Literacy Scale Score Ranges*
(Effective July 1, 2008)**

NRS Level	Scale Score Range (Effective July 1, 2008)
Beginning ESL Literacy	0 - 20
Low Beginning ESL	21 - 52
High Beginning ESL	53 - 63
Low Intermediate ESL	64 - 67
High Intermediate ESL	68 - 75
Advanced ESL	76 - 78**

*Adapted from *NRS ESL Educational Functioning Levels for PY 2006*, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Division of Adult Education and Literacy, 2006. The NRS levels may be updated by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, periodically. Make sure to check for the most current update by visiting the NRS Web site at www.nrsweb.org.

**If an examinee pretests into the NRS Advanced ESL level with a scale score of 76-78, use a different ESL assessment that measures higher reading and writing skills to more accurately measure an examinee's language ability. Any student that falls into this category should be re-tested with another assessment at the time of pre-testing.