



## ADULT ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS

### Greetings from BEST!

We are writing to share some important updates. Below, you will find the next year's schedule of BEST Plus workshops, our updated pricing schedule for BEST products which goes into effect July 1st, a progress report on the newest versions of BEST Plus and BEST Literacy, and an opportunity to provide feedback to our team via the annual client survey.

#### Upcoming Training Workshops

Don't miss the June BEST Plus test administrator training! The registration deadline has been extended to June 3rd. This will be the last public training workshop until the next cycle begins in September. You can view all upcoming workshop dates below.

[Register for June 8-10, 2022 Training Now!](#)

Interested in contracting a private training for your program? Contact us at [aea@cal.org](mailto:aea@cal.org) for pricing and availability.

Month	Training	Workshop Dates	Registration Deadline
June	BEST Plus 2.0 Test Administrator Training	06/08-10/2022	06/03/2022
September	BEST Plus 2.0 Test Administrator Training	09/13-15/2022	09/06/2022
November	BEST Plus 2.0 Test Administrator Training	11/09-11/2022	11/02/2022
January	BEST Plus 2.0 Test Administrator Training	01/24-26/2023	01/17/2023
March	BEST Plus 2.0 Test Administrator Training	03/08-10/2023	03/01/2022
May	BEST Plus 2.0 Test Administrator Training	05/09-11/2023	05/02/2023

#### Pricing Update

You can find the 2022-23 BEST pricing schedule at [this link](#). The pricing schedule includes BEST digital products, physical materials, and training workshops. We are committed to providing the best possible assessments and resources for adult English learners, and work to keep our prices affordable by making minimal increases each year. New prices will go into effect July 1, 2022.

#### BEST Plus 3.0 and BEST Literacy 2.0 Test Development Updates

CAL is working to develop and release new versions of our BEST assessments: **BEST Plus 3.0** and **BEST Literacy 2.0**. These new, enhanced versions of the tests will be available once they are approved for use for NRS reporting purposes. Each test has been refreshed with up-to-date content and new item types that assess college and career skills aligned with the 2017 NRS EFLs. In addition, BEST Plus 3.0 will be moving to a new app-based delivery with cloud storage. CAL will submit the tests to the U.S. Department of Education Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) for NRS approval in October of 2022.

Our existing assessments, BEST Plus 2.0 and BEST Literacy, remain approved for use in the NRS system and clients using these assessments for NRS reporting can continue to do so. We will keep you informed as we have more information about test approvals. We look forward to sharing these innovative new tests with you!

#### Annual Client Survey

We want to hear from you! Please complete the annual client survey at [this link](#). Clients who complete the survey by Friday, July 1st will be entered into a drawing for one of two \$50 Amazon gift cards. Winners will be contacted on Monday, July 11th. To qualify for the drawing, your program must currently use BEST assessments, and you must answer all survey questions.

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