

BEST Plus™ 3.0 **BEST Literacy™ 2.0**

ADULT ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS

Training Updates, Test Expiration, CAL at Conferences, and more!

BEST Plus 3.0 Test Administrator Training

The free period for the *BEST Plus 3.0 Test Administrator Online Training Course* is scheduled to end at **11:59pm EST on April 30, 2025**. Beginning **May 1st, 2025** the course will be available for a fee of **\$125**.

Prospective Test Administrators still have some time to take advantage of the free self-access self-paced training course on administering and scoring *BEST Plus 3.0*. The course takes an estimated 6-10 hours to complete. Upon completion of the course, please make sure to request your digital *BEST Plus 3.0 Test Administrator Certificate* by clicking [once](#) on the “Request Digital Certificate” button. You will receive an email about your digital certificate within 2 hours.

CAL-run virtual Test Administrator training workshops will resume in Fall 2025. CAL also offers customized trainings to meet your program’s needs. These trainings include Trainings of Trainers workshops and private *BEST Plus 3.0 Test Administrator Trainings*. Contact aea@cal.org for more information

Register Now!

BEST Plus 3.0: Using CAL Test Platform

BEST Plus 3.0 is administered on a brand new, user-friendly **CAL Test Platform application** with cloud-based data storage, and all test score data is stored on the **CAL Test Platform Web Portal**. Both are available free of charge on [CAL’s Adult English Assessments](#) (AEA) Website. Your organization will receive access to the CAL Test Platform once you make your first purchase of *BEST Plus 3.0* products on the [CAL Store](#) site.

The Windows version of the CAL Test Platform is available now. The Mac version of the *BEST Plus 3.0* software will be made available at a later date.

Important Tip: When setting up Computer ID in the **CAL Test Platform Application**, avoid using apostrophes or single quotes. For example, instead of naming your device Mary's Laptop, name it MaryLaptop.

BEST Plus 2.0 and BEST Literacy: Sunsetting Soon

The current versions of the BEST assessments, *BEST Plus 2.0* and *BEST Literacy*, will be sunset on **June 30, 2025**. All sales are final. CAL is not able to provide credit for any remaining *BEST Plus 2.0* or *BEST Literacy* tests or exchange them for the new generation of BEST assessments. We recommend monitoring your remaining tests (your *BEST Plus 2.0* test balance can be accessed on the [test activation website](#)) and ordering only what you need until your program transitions fully to the newer tests.

CAL's Policy on Expired Test Materials

After **June 30, 2025**, the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) will not be offering customer support or test administrator training for *BEST Plus 2.0* and *BEST Literacy* and will not be making them available for purchase. We acknowledge that some circumstances may warrant the use of expired materials, and buyers are permitted to make this determination based on their specific needs. Please consult your State's local Assessment Policy for guidance on obsolete test disposal.

Test materials (expired or not) may not be reproduced by the buyer in any way.

BEST Presentations at Upcoming Conferences

The CAL team will be attending the following conferences for adult educators and presenting on BEST assessments:

- New York Association for Continuing and Community Education ([NYACCE](#))
- Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education ([MCAE](#))

We hope to see you there!

How are we doing?

We created a short Customer Satisfaction Survey to gather feedback on the key aspects of the new BEST Assessments and the quality of the service we provide to

the Adult Education Centers across the nation. Please take 3 minutes to complete the survey and let us know how we are doing!

BEST Customer Satisfaction Survey

Introducing the CREATE Adult Skills Network

The CREATE Adult Skills Network is developing a research base about effective ways to use technology in adult learning. The six studies develop, adopt, and evaluate interventions that use technology to build adult learners' skills and improve their academic outcomes. The Network's activities and resources guide practitioners, educators, researchers, and policy and funding stakeholders in their work using technology to support adult skills programming. The Network and supported studies are funded by a grant from the Institute of Education Sciences. Explore Network resources and information about the studies: <https://createadultskills.org>.

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