

BEST Plus 3.0 Initial Trainer Certification Process

BEST Plus 3.0 trainers refer to those who train other educators in their state to become certified *BEST Plus 3.0* test administrators. **Any prospective *BEST Plus 3.0* trainer must first be certified as a *BEST Plus 3.0* test administrator before they can apply to be a trainer.**

BEST Plus 3.0 test administrators refer to those who administer *BEST Plus 3.0* to examinees. Please visit <https://www.cal.org/aea/bpv30/bpv30-tester/> for more information about training requirements.

This outline provides a brief overview of the **BEST Plus 3.0 Initial Trainer** certification process for those who have been certified as *BEST Plus 3.0* test administrators. Please contact aea@cal.org with any questions.

Once certified as *BEST Plus 3.0* trainers, these individuals are authorized by CAL to train other educators in their state to become *BEST Plus 3.0* test administrators. All the materials required for conducting *BEST Plus 3.0* test administrator training workshops will be provided to the *BEST Plus 3.0* trainers. The Initial Trainer certificate is valid for 24 months, after which the trainer will need to renew every 24 months. The cost of the Initial Trainer certification is \$750, and the cost of renewing the certification is \$250 as of 2025.

The following describes the required steps for *BEST Plus 3.0* test administrators to become certified *BEST Plus 3.0* trainers for the first time:

1. **Submit the trainer application fee and application form.**
 - Visit <https://www.cal.org/aea/bpv30/bpv30-training-of-trainers/> to read about the training process and access the application form.
 - After reviewing the application form, CAL will send a link to pay the \$750 fee and instructions to access the online training course at callearning.org.
2. **Complete the following tasks in the online training course:**
 - **Administer 20 *BEST Plus 3.0* tests to students of various proficiency levels and submit the score reports.** Among the 20 students, there must be at least one above NRS Level 4 that was routed into Part B of the test to demonstrate familiarity with Part B administration and scoring.
 - **Submit a video of one full test administration.** The video should be a minimum of 10 minutes and can be either a virtual or in-person test administration. CAL will review the video to ensure the trainer candidate is adhering to the *BEST Plus 3.0* test administration protocols.
 - **Complete a scoring activity.** The scoring activity will take place in the form of a scoring quiz in the online training course. The trainer candidate must pass the scoring activity to demonstrate their scoring accuracy before moving forward with the next steps.
 - **Observe a *BEST Plus 3.0* training conducted by a *BEST Plus 3.0* trainer and complete the Observation Form.** This task will allow you to observe and learn from experienced trainers on how training is delivered for *BEST Plus 3.0*. You will submit the Observation Form in the online training course.
 - **Sign the *BEST Plus 3.0* Initial Trainer Certification Agreement and receive the *BEST Plus 3.0* Initial Trainer Digital Certificate.** These documents will be valid for 24 months from the date of their signature.