

(3) Are retained in postsecondary education or transfer to a baccalaureate degree program;

(4) Are placed in—

(i) Military service; or

(ii) Apprenticeship programs; or

(5) Are placed or have been retained in employment, including in high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations or professions.

(c) At the adult education level: An increase in the percentage of participating adult career and technical education students who—

(1) Enroll in a postsecondary education or training program;

(2) Attain career and technical education skill proficiencies aligned with industry-recognized standards;

(3) Receive industry-recognized credentials or certificates; or

(4) Are placed in a job, upgraded in a job, or retain employment.

**Note:** All grantees will be expected to submit an annual performance report addressing these performance measures, to the extent feasible and to the extent that they apply to each grantee's NACTEP project.

6. *Continuation Awards:* In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, the Secretary considers, among other things: whether a grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; and, if the Secretary has established performance measurement requirements, the performance targets in the grantee's approved application.

In making a continuation award, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

## VII. Other Information

*Accessible Format:* Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotope, or compact disc) on request to the program contact persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. If you use a TDD or TTY, call the FRS, toll-free, at 1-800-877-8339.

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**Michael E. Wooten,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0145]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; SEA and LEA Self-Assessment and Monitoring Protocol

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 7, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2017-ICCD-0145. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, LBJ, Room 216-44, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Patrick Carr, 202-708-8196.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* SEA and LEA Self-Assessment and Monitoring Protocol.

*OMB Control Number:* 1810-NEW.

*Type of Review:* A new information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 60.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 16,800.

*Abstract:* OSS administrators Title I, Sections 1001-1004 (School Improvement); Title I, Part A (Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies); Title I, Part B (Enhanced Assessments Grants (EAG), and Grants for State Assessments and Related Activities); Title II, Part A (Supporting Effective Instruction); Title III, Part A (English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement); and School Improvement Grants (SIG). Annual fiscal reviews—annual phone or on-site conversations with a purposeful sample of SEA and LEA program directors and coordinators—help ensure

that an SEA and its LEAs are making progress toward improving student achievement and the quality of instruction for all students and are ensuring requirements are met through the review of fiscal requirements to safeguard public funds from waste, fraud, and abuse. The information shared with the OSS also informs the selection and delivery of technical assistance to SEAs and aligns structures, processes, and routines so the OSS can regularly monitor the connection between grant administration and intended outcomes. Because grantees are monitored on a multiyear cycle, administration of this information collection, including the publication of fiscal review results, is necessary to enable the OSS to identify potential areas of noncompliance ahead of formal monitoring visits, decreasing the need for enforcement actions and minimizing burden for SEAs.

Dated: January 31, 2018.

**Tomakie Washington,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Tests Determined To Be Suitable for Use in the National Reporting System for Adult Education

**AGENCY:** Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces tests, test forms, and delivery formats that the Secretary determines to be suitable for use in the National Reporting System for Adult Education (NRS).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jay LeMaster, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 11-152, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-7240. Telephone: (202) 245-6218 or by email: [John.LeMaster@ed.gov](mailto:John.LeMaster@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll-free, at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 14, 2008, we published in the **Federal Register** final regulations for 34 CFR part 462, Measuring Educational Gain in the National Reporting System for Adult Education (NRS regulations) (73 FR 2306). The NRS regulations

established the process the Secretary uses to determine the suitability of tests for use in the NRS by States and local eligible providers. We annually publish in the **Federal Register** and post on the internet at [www.nrsweb.org](http://www.nrsweb.org) a list of the names of tests and the educational functioning levels the tests are suitable to measure in the NRS as required by § 462.12(c)(2).

On December 13, 2016, the Secretary published in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 89920) an annual notice of tests determined to be suitable for use in the NRS (December 2016 notice). In the December 2016 notice, the Secretary extended the approved periods for all 12 of the tests listed in the notice through February 2, 2019.

On September 7, 2017, the Secretary published in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 42339) an annual notice of tests determined to be suitable for use in the NRS (September 2017 notice). In the September 2017 notice, the Secretary announced a new test and test forms that were determined to be suitable for use in the NRS, in accordance with § 462.13.

In addition to the tests identified in the December 2016 and September 2017 notices as determined to be suitable for use in the NRS through February 2, 2019, and September 7, 2024, respectively, the Secretary now announces another test and test forms that have been determined to be suitable for use in the NRS, in accordance with § 462.13. This test measures the NRS educational functioning levels for Literacy/English Language Arts at all Adult Basic Education (ABE) levels, as described in Appendix A of *Measures and Methods for the National Reporting System for Adult Education* (OMB Control Number: 1830-0027).

### Approved Tests, Forms, and Approved Periods

Adult education programs must use only the approved forms and computer-based delivery formats for the tests published in this document. If a particular test form or computer delivery format is not explicitly specified for a test in the December 2016 notice, the September 2017 notice, or in this notice, it is not approved for use in the NRS.

### Test Determined To Be Suitable for Use in the NRS for a Seven-Year Period From the Date of Publication of This Notice

The Secretary has determined that the following test is suitable for use in Literacy/English Language Arts at all ABE levels of the NRS for a period of

seven years from the date of publication of this notice:

*Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) Reading GOALS Series.* Forms 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, and 908 are approved for use on paper and through a computer-based delivery format. Publisher: CASAS, 5151 Murphy Canyon Road, Suite 220, San Diego, CA 92123-4339. Telephone: (800) 255-1036. Internet: [www.casas.org/](http://www.casas.org/).

### Revocation of Tests

Under certain circumstances, the Secretary may revoke the determination that a test is suitable (see § 462.12(e)). If the Secretary revokes the determination of suitability, the Secretary announces through the **Federal Register** and posts on the internet at [www.nrsweb.org](http://www.nrsweb.org) a notice of that revocation, along with the date by which States and local eligible providers must stop using the revoked test.

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**Program Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 3292.

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**Michael E. Wooten,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education.*

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