

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). This notice relates to the approved information collections under OMB control numbers 1830-0027 and 1830-0567.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On January 14, 2008, and as amended on August 19, 2016, 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 2305, Jan. 14, 2008, as amended at 81 FR 55552, Aug. 19, 2016). 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, 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 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.

On February 5, 2018, the Secretary published in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 5087) an annual notice of tests determined to be suitable for use in the NRS (February 2018 notice). In the

February 2018 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.

On September 21, 2018, the Secretary published in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 47910) an annual notice of tests determined to be suitable for use in the NRS (September 2018 notice). In the September 2018 notice, the Secretary announced a list of English as a Second Language (ESL) tests and test forms determined to be suitable for use in the NRS and approved the tests and test forms for an additional period through February 2, 2021. The Secretary also announced a list of tests with NRS approvals expiring on February 2, 2019, which States and local providers may continue to use during a sunset period ending on June 30, 2019.

In this notice, the Secretary announces a new test and test forms that have also been determined to be suitable for use in the NRS, in accordance with § 462.13. This test measures the NRS educational functioning levels for Mathematics 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). This test and its test forms are approved for a period of 3 years from the publication date of this notice. A 3-year approval is issued with a set of conditions that must be met by the completion of the 3-year time period. If these conditions are met, the test would be approved for continued use in the NRS.

Adult education programs must use only the forms and computer-based delivery formats for the test approved in this document. If a particular test form or computer delivery format is not explicitly specified for a test in this notice or in the September 2017, February 2018, or September 2018 notices, it is not approved for use in the NRS.

Test Determined To Be Suitable for Use in the NRS for A 3-Year Period From The Publication Date of This Notice

The Secretary has determined that the following test is suitable for use in Mathematics at all ABE levels of the NRS for a period of 3 years from the publication date of this notice:

(1) Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) Math GOALS Series. Forms 900, 913, 914, 917, and 918 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/.

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 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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