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Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems

CASAS
National News and Updates Webinar
February 17, 2021

Presenters:

- Linda Taylor, VP Assessment Development, CASAS
- Jesse D'Spain, CASAS Technology Specialist
- Adult Education Practitioners from Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)

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Use chat only for webinar technical issues Select all panelists for support

We won't be using this feature

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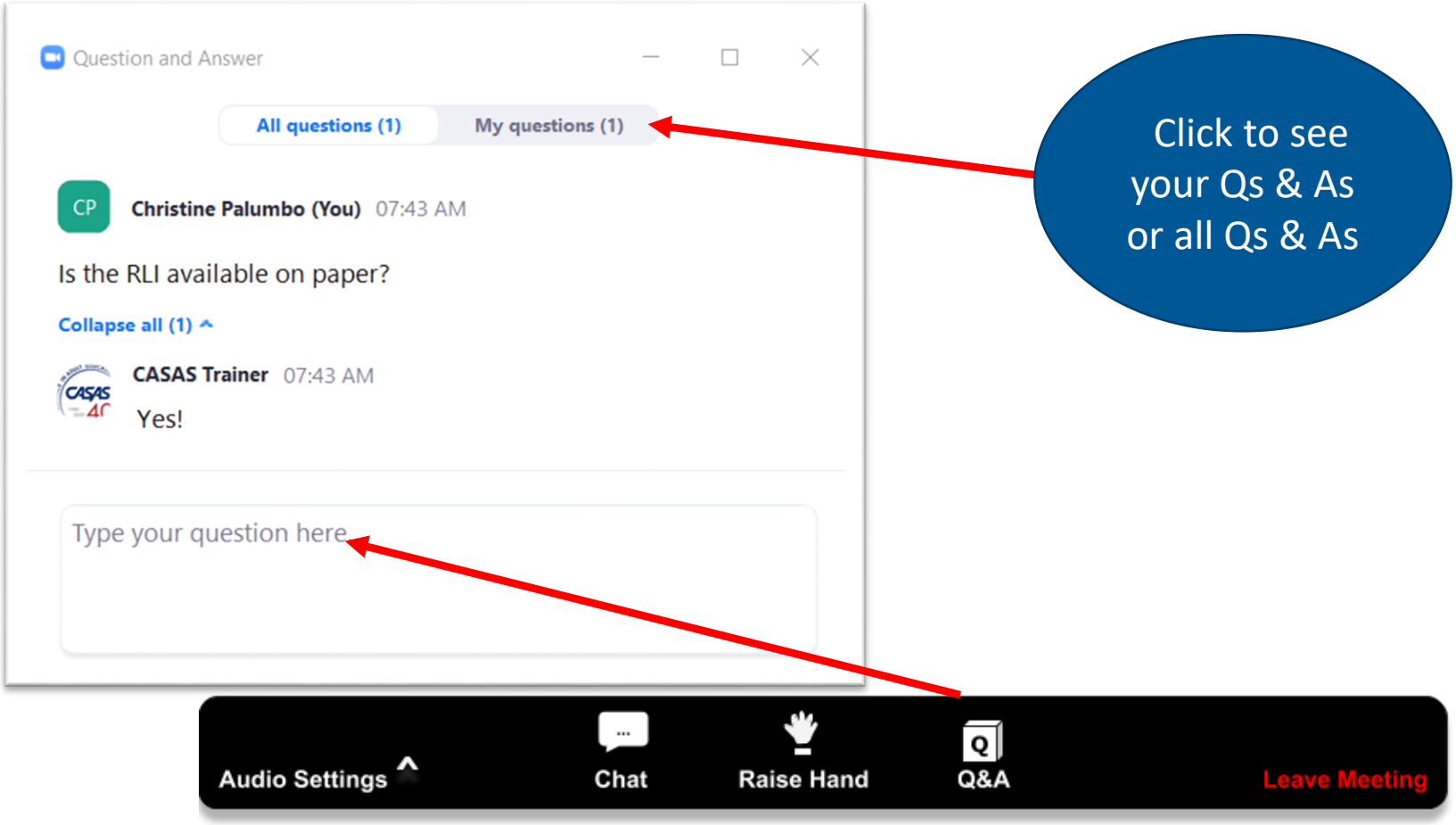

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New CASAS Test Series

CASAS NRS-approved Assessments for ABE

- Reading GOALS for ABE/ASE

NRS-approved through 2025

- Math GOALS

NEW -- NRS-approved through 2023

CASAS NRS-approved Assessments for ESL

- Life and Work Reading - 80 series

  Beginning Literacy - Forms 27 and 28

  Reading for Language Arts - Forms 513/514

- Life and Work Listening - 980 series

NEW -- NRS-approved to February 2023
(like all other NRS-approved ESL tests)

New GOALS Series and NRS Status

For ABE/ASE

- Reading GOALS - approved through 2025
- Math GOALS for ABE/ASE - approved through 2023

For ESL

- Reading GOALS – pending
- Listening GOALS – pending

Strongly aligned with College and Career Readiness (CCR) Standards for Adult Education and the ELP Standards for ESL.

Listening and Reading for ESL series – in development

- Will replace current Life and Work series in 2023
- Five skill levels in both Listening and Reading for ESL
- Aligned to the *English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) for Adult Education* and the NRS Descriptors for English Language Learners.
- Designed to measure college and career readiness

Demographics Needed for Ongoing Test Series Research Studies

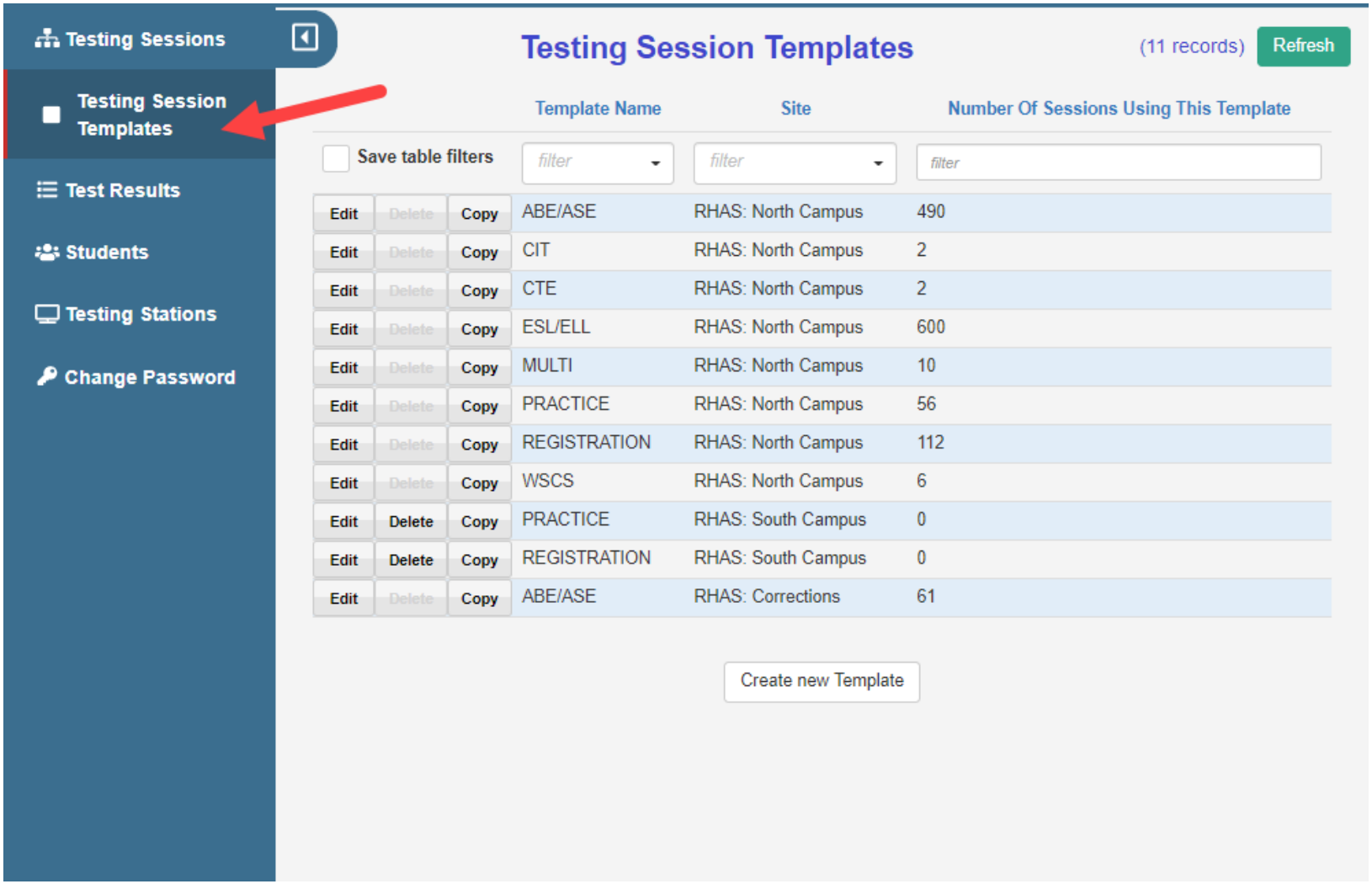
We need your help!!!

These 4 data elements are essential for CASAS test research studies:

- **Gender**
- **Native Language**
- **Ethnicity**
- **Race**

A student only needs to enter this info one time.

Adding Demographic Fields to TE for Ongoing Test Series Research Studies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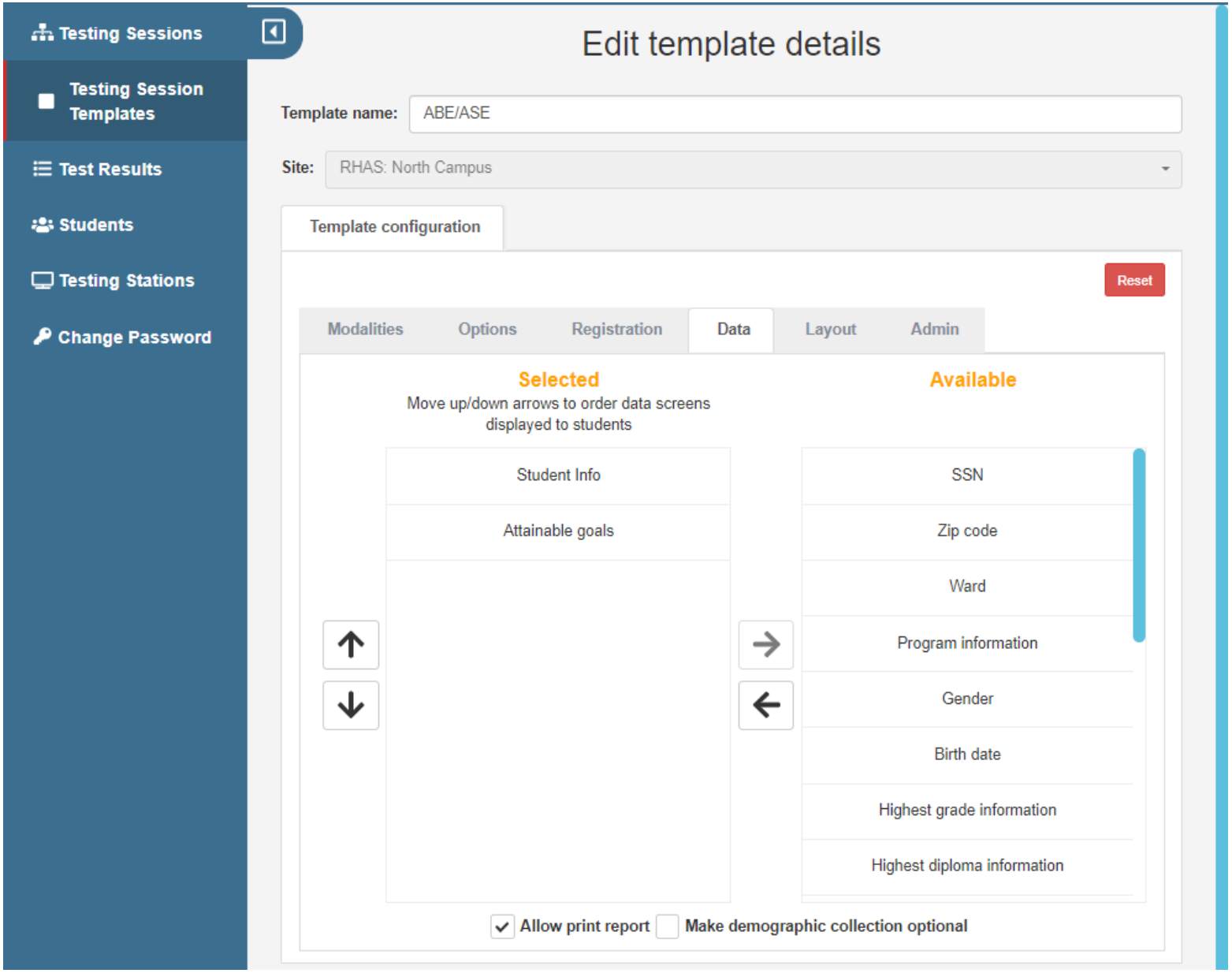
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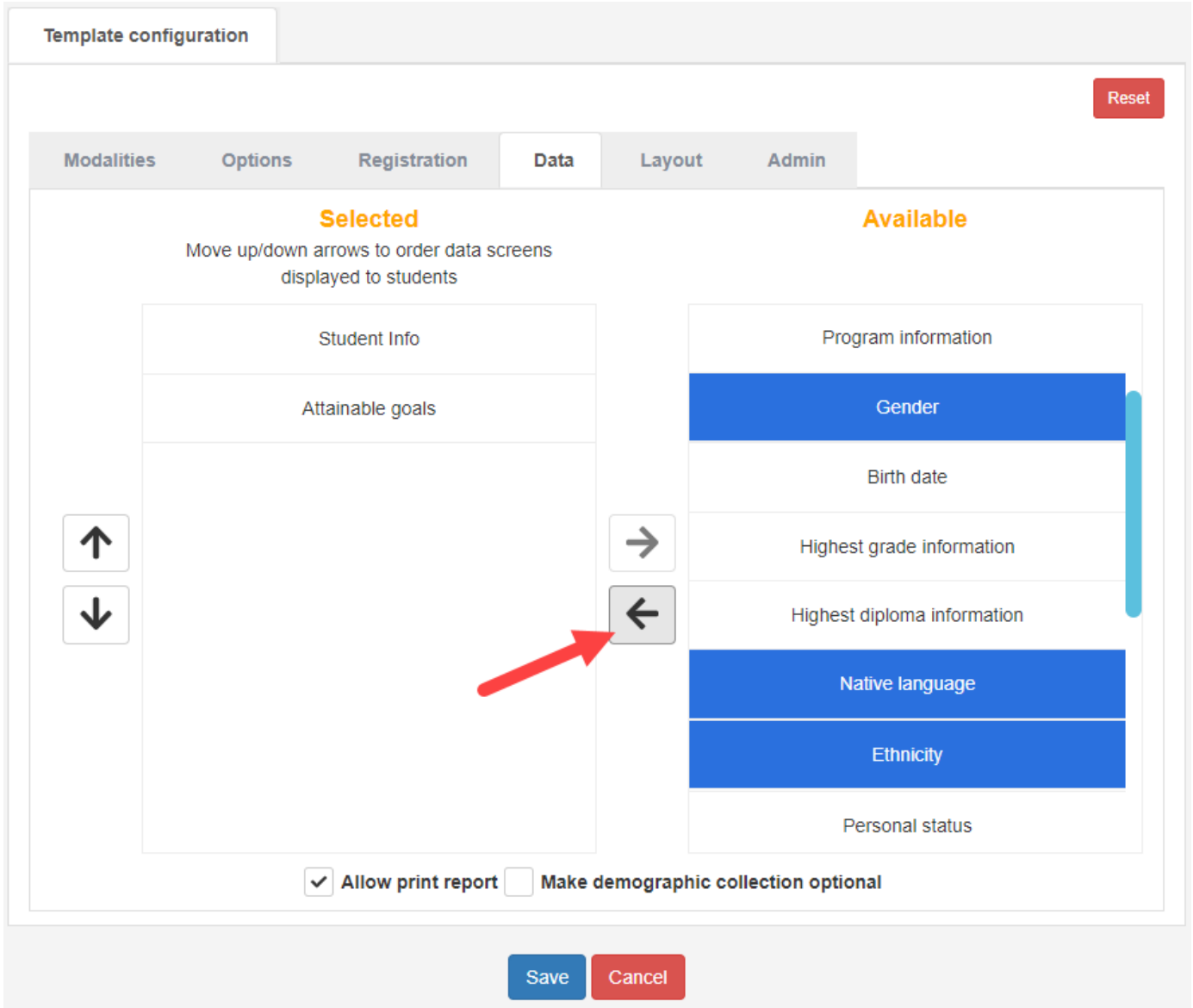
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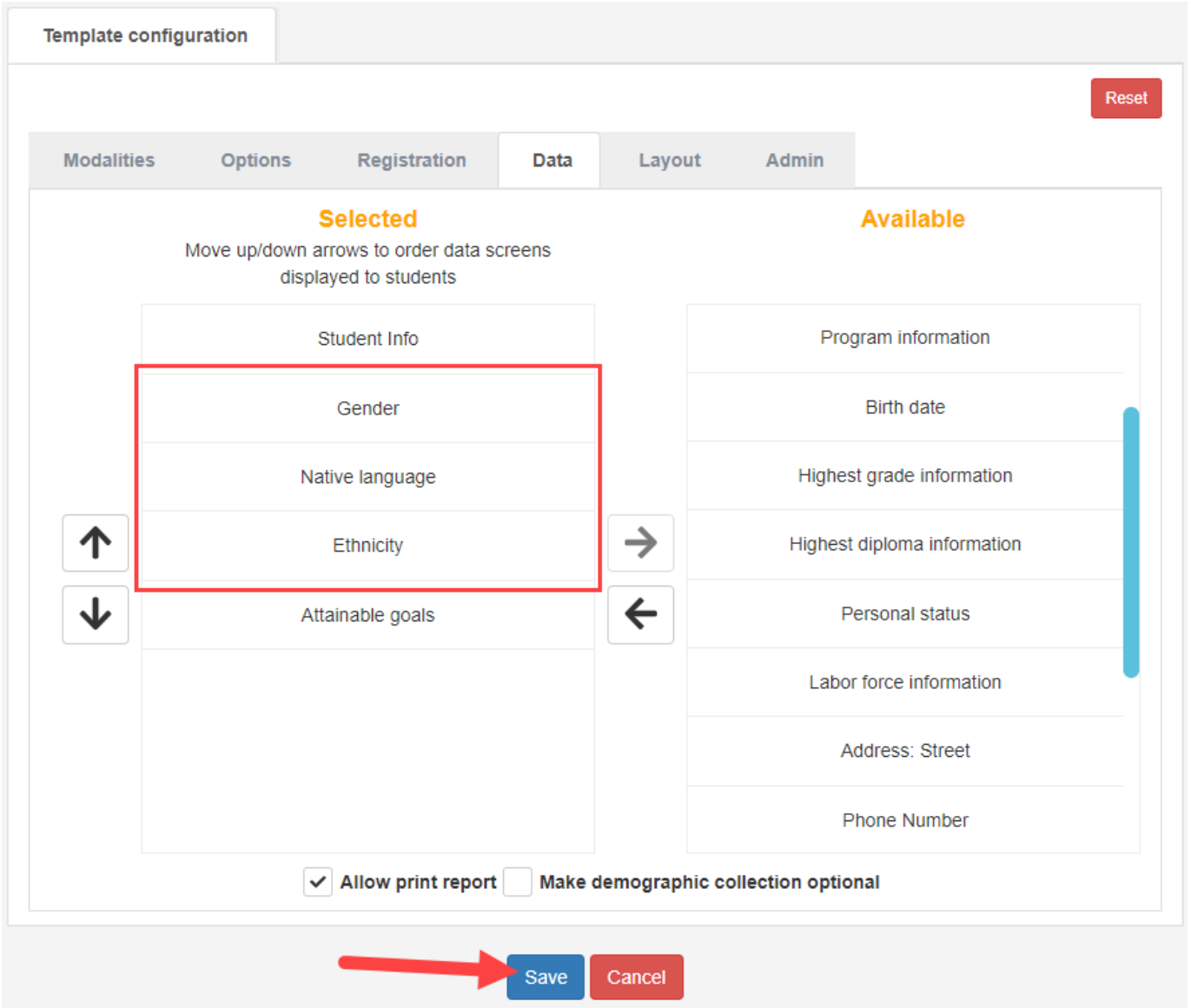
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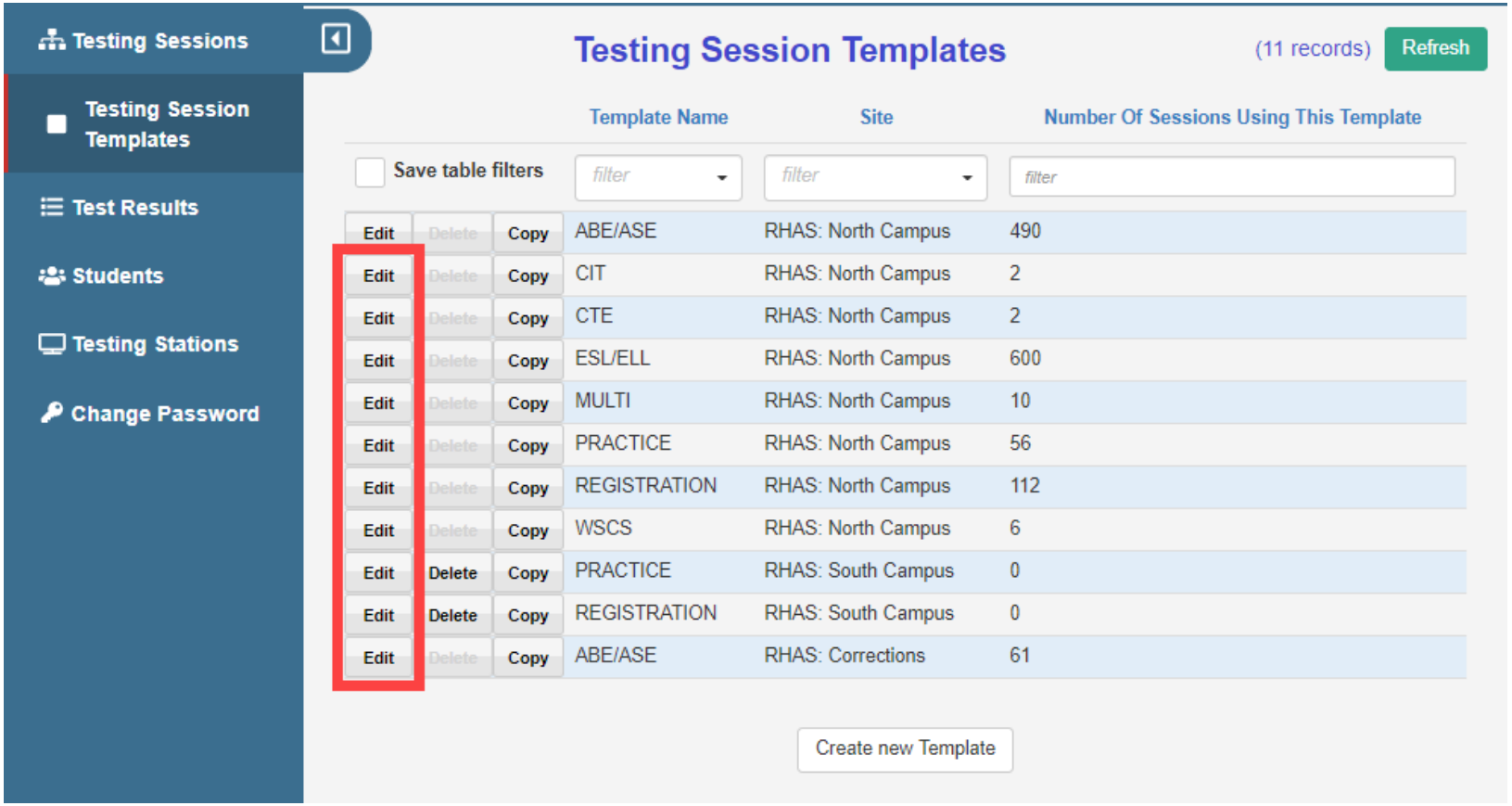

Edit all remaining templates. This will enable data collection in every testing session.

Helping Students Complete Demographics in eTests

Resource to use with students to complete critical demographic fields in eTests

Available on the CASAS website:

https://www.casas.org/social-media-newsroom/webinars

How can I participate in final forms field testing studies?

- **When?** Now through the spring of 2021
- **Who?** Adult learners in ESL/ELL programs and ABE students whose first language is not English
- **Delivery?** eTests and paper/pencil (on site and remote)
- **Methodology?** Locator/Appraisal + one or two level tests
- Student gift cards in the amount of $5 per test completed
- Agencies receive complimentary web-testing units
- FAQs

How do I get started with final forms field testing studies?

- Communicate with teachers/administrators at your program.
- Gather information about program participation.
- Ask your students about their interest.

For more information visit our field testing webpage:

Contact:
Fieldtesting@casas.org
Karen Burger: kburger@casas.org / 800.255.1036 ext. 177

Promising Practice Presentation

Remote Testing Tips - Los Angeles City College

Angelica Ramirez, Dean of Academic Affairs, LA City College
Nelines Colon-Paladini, LA City College Noncredit Adult Education Program Coordinator
Justin Gorence, LA City College, EL Civics Coordinator

Remote Testing Tips - Los Angeles City College

Dr. Karen Carmichael, West Los Angeles College

- **Mini Lessons for Student Preparation**

Sulma Ruiz, Los Angeles Southwest College

- **Student Surveys**

Norell Perez, Los Angeles Harbor College

- **Borrowing Devices**

CASAS Remote Testing Update

4 Approaches to Remote Testing

- **1:1 Remote Control**
- **1:1 or Multiple Test Takers** -- test takers on **Windows 10 PCs**
- **1:1 or Multiple Test Takers** -- test takers on **Chromebooks or iPads**
- **1:1 Oral Responses**

Each approach has unique:

- **Detailed, step-by-step, scripted directions** provided in the ***CASAS Remote Testing Guidelines*** document and in proctor training.
  - The *Remote Testing Guidelines* use Zoom as an example.
- Detailed technical requirements for proctors and test takers

New Directions in Remote Testing

- Some of the current remote testing approaches are **temporary** and will eventually be replaced by solutions that required more development time.
- **Possible New Directions**
  - Remote testing **up to 12 students at a time** using Approach 2 or 3 (pilot)
  - Remote testing of Listening, Reading and Math **on phones** (pilot)
  - **Integration of video conferencing into eTests** -- in alpha testing
  - Remote testing with **3rd party proctoring service**, depending on field interest
    - Please email remotetesting@casas.org if interested in this.

Reminders about Remote Testing

Remote testing with **NRS-approved tests** is only permitted using **eTests, not paper tests**!

It is **NOT permitted** to:

- **copy, scan, or reproduce** CASAS paper tests
- **send** NRS-approved paper tests to students
- **record** the testing session

- Test takers **may not use Zoom virtual backgrounds or filtered backgrounds** -- so that the proctor can see the room.

- **Be creative – AND follow the Guidelines** to ensure test security.

Remote Testing with Listening

- **Consider remote testing with NRS-approved Listening for ESL**, even if you haven't previously tested in Listening before.

- **Revised Guideline for Listening tests:**
  It is permissible for the test taker to **use headphones or earbuds** for remote testing of listening.

- Send new students the link to the **CASAS eTests Sampler** to take practice items to become familiar with the format and flow of eTests before taking the test.

Tips for Remote Testing

- **Trend to do 1:1 remote testing for ease of implementation**
  - Requires less proctor technology expertise
  - Easier to train staff who are new eTests proctors
  - Easier to schedule staff and students to “just get it done”.

- **Importance of “Part A” – preparation for remote testing**
  - Tip: Conduct a portion of “Part A” of the remote testing administration procedures in class.

Tips for Remote Testing – Multiple Test Takers

- **Consider changing how you conceptualize scheduling** for testing multiple test takers –
  - **By device availability, or by class and then by device.**
  - Send the Zoom link specific to each device group.

- Ask students to complete a short survey about device availability.
  - Don't forget to **ask about family devices** that could be used for a testing session.

- The number of students scheduled for remote testing determines the number of lead proctors and support proctors or other staff needed.

Sharing the screen with the test taker

- You must view the student's screen before starting the test in order to check that no apps are running except the web conferencing application.
  - Not possible on Chromebooks and iPads.
  - Refer to Part B, Step 3: Test Taker Device Check in the Remote Testing Guidelines document for full discussion.
- Proctors (or teachers or anyone assisting) are then able to see everything that happens on the student's device.
- You can guide students to tap the correct buttons, to locate the home screen icon, and so on.
- It can also be useful during the test, because it allows you to see what the student sees. You might see notifications and attempts to cheat, for example.

Sharing the screen with the test taker

- *Important*: Sharing the screen uses additional internet bandwidth, along with that already used by the camera and microphone.

- If a participant has a low-bandwidth connection (less than about 3-4 Mbps), then consider not sharing screens while the student is taking a test, as this will allow the audio/video streams to use what little is available more effectively.

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Communication between proctor and test takers

- Establish a protocol for what happens when the test taker has a question, and/or if you get disconnected during the testing session.
- Communicate this to the test taker at the beginning of the session.
- Establish a channel of communication with the students. For example, raise your hand and I'll see you on camera; or say something to me; or type in the chat; or text me on your phone, etc.

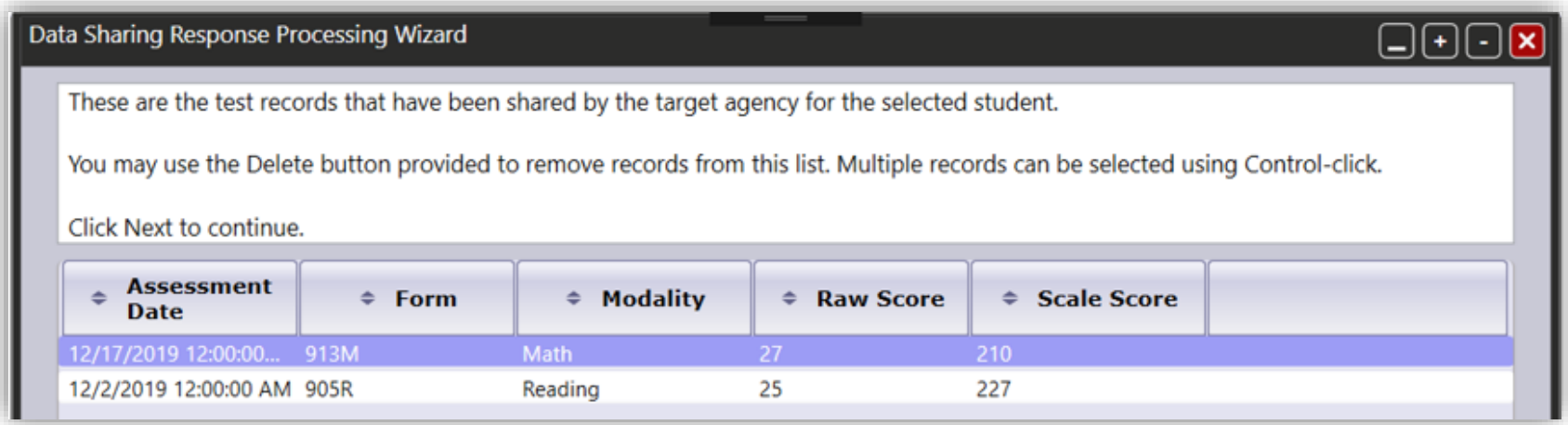
TE Update

TE Data Transfer Wizard

- Allows you to request test data or student demographics from another agency.

TE Data Transfer Wizard

- Partner agency receives the request inside TE and approves or denies it.

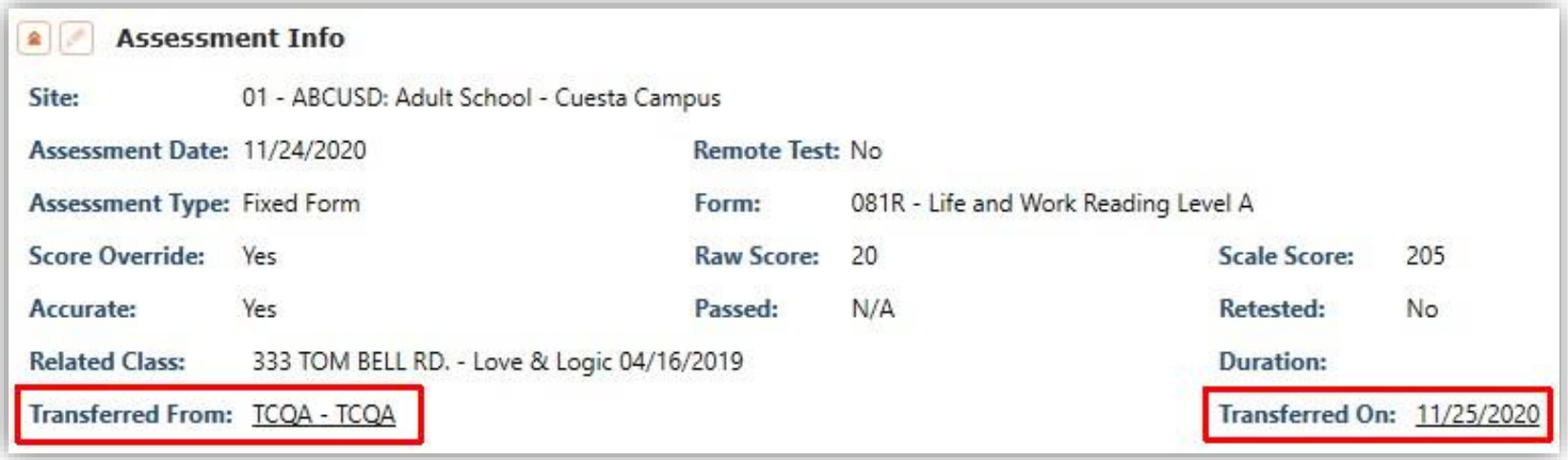


TE Data Transfer Wizard

- Student must sign consent form to share data.

TE Data Transfer Wizard

- Transferred tests include complete item responses
  - Usable for item-level reports like *Competency Performance* and *Content Standards*.



Assessment Info

Site:	01 - ABCUSD: Adult School - Cuesta Campus				
Assessment Date:	11/24/2020	**Remote Test:**	No		
Assessment Type:	Fixed Form	**Form:**	081R - Life and Work Reading Level A		
Score Override:	Yes	**Raw Score:**	20	**Scale Score:**	205
Accurate:	Yes	**Passed:**	N/A	**Retested:**	No
Related Class:	333 TOM BELL RD. - Love & Logic 04/16/2019			**Duration:**	
Transferred From:	TCQA - TCQA			**Transferred On:**	11/25/2020

TE Data Transfer Wizard

When is this new data sharing feature useful?

- A student transfers to a new school just weeks after taking a CASAS test at a previous school.
  - Avoids over-testing
  - Immediate intake
- A workforce agency refers a student to a school for instruction/remediation.
- A state decides to share student data among agencies using the wizard.

TE Data Transfer Wizard

- Help document with step-by-step instructions is available on the CASAS website.

  https://www.casas.org/docs/default-source/te-help-documentation/transferring-student-data-between-agencies.pdf

  - Go to www.casas.org > Training and Support > TOPSpro Enterprise Help > Data Exchange > **Transferring Student Data Between Agencies**

- Contact TechSupport@casas.org if you need further assistance.

Reading Level Indicator (RLI)

How to determine a student's level (EFL) if you can't pretest yet?

- OCTAE May 29, 2020 (memo 20-5)
  - Suggested using an informal assessment for provisional placement in an NRS level for Table 4

- **CASAS Form 601R,** a new provisional placement tool
- May be taken **without a proctor**
- May be taken on a **mobile phone** or other device

- Online and Paper versions
  - No charge for online version for TE users

Reading Level Indicator (RLI)

- Target audience:
  - All ABE/ASE students *and*
  - ESL students at NRS ESL Level 3 and above

- Results are shown as "Estimated NRS EFL" for ABE or ESL.
- No scale scores are given.

- **NOT an NRS-approved test**
- **May NOT be substituted for pre- or post-testing for MSGs**

- Administer an NRS-approved **pretest** as soon as possible.

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CASAS National Summer Institute

June 17-18 and June 22-23, 2021

An Inspiring Online Adult Education Professional Development Event

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More than 100 training sessions, panels, and workshops!

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June 17 and 18 - Trainings

- CASAS Implementation
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- Workforce Skills Certification

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- Enhancing student outcomes
- Citizenship and EL Civics
- Using data effectively to improve programs
- Secondary credentialing, including National External Diploma Program (NEDP), GED, HiSET
- Transitioning learners to post-secondary and the workplace

Live TE Basics Training – March 19

10:30 am – 12 pm Pacific

CASAS Live Facilitated Training

CASAS is pleased to offer live facilitated trainings for those who prefer to be trained as part of a group with a trainer.

TOPSpro

TOPSpro Enterprise Training

- **TOPSpro Enterprise (TE) Basics – Quick Start!** – March 19, 2021, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Click here to register.
- California agencies should register here: www.caadultedtraining.org/CASAS/7680

Live Facilitated Implementation Training

CASAS eTests Implementation

- **Module 1** – March 2, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Click here to register.
- **Module 2** – March 4, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Click here to register.

Paper Test Implementation

- **Module 1** – March 2, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Click here to register.
- **Module 3** – March 9, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Click here to register.

Instructional Implementation

- **Module 1** – March 2, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Click here to register.
- **Module 4** – March 11, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Click here to register.

- Next one: March 2nd

Module 1: CASAS Implementation Basics

- Sessions for March – May 2021
  - eTests
  - Paper tests
  - Instructional reports
- Certificate of Completion provided

NEW – Office Hours with CASAS Staff

- Every Friday at 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- Join us to get one-on-one support, help, suggestions and just plain old encouragement in using CASAS.
- Attending participants will drive the session with their questions and needs.
- Register for these Office Hours at: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ofu-tqTIjGtXPjrxX_lrvpn8P5uewTjjE

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CASAS FAQs

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Questions and Comments from the Field

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