

National News and Updates

February 16, 2022



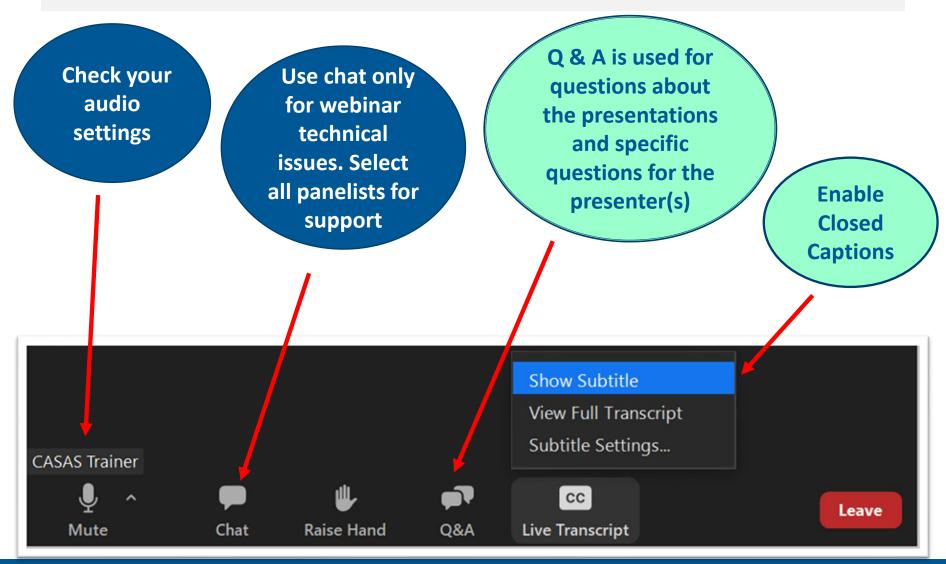
Welcome to the February 2022 CASAS National Webinar!

- Your phones and computers are muted.
- Presentation questions? USE Q & A
- Technical Difficulties? USE CHAT
- Webinar recording & PPT posted on the website: https://www.casas.org/social-media-newsroom/webinars

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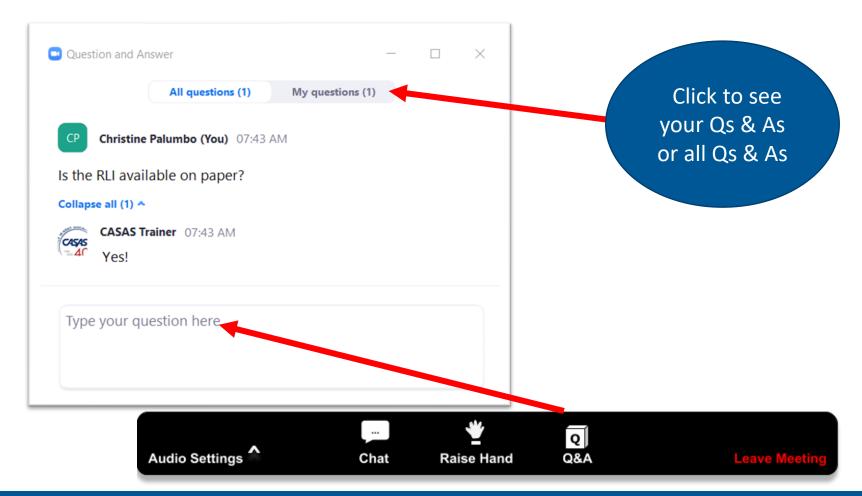
Before we start: Webinar Tips





"Q&A": Questions for the Presenter

Type questions directly related to the presentation



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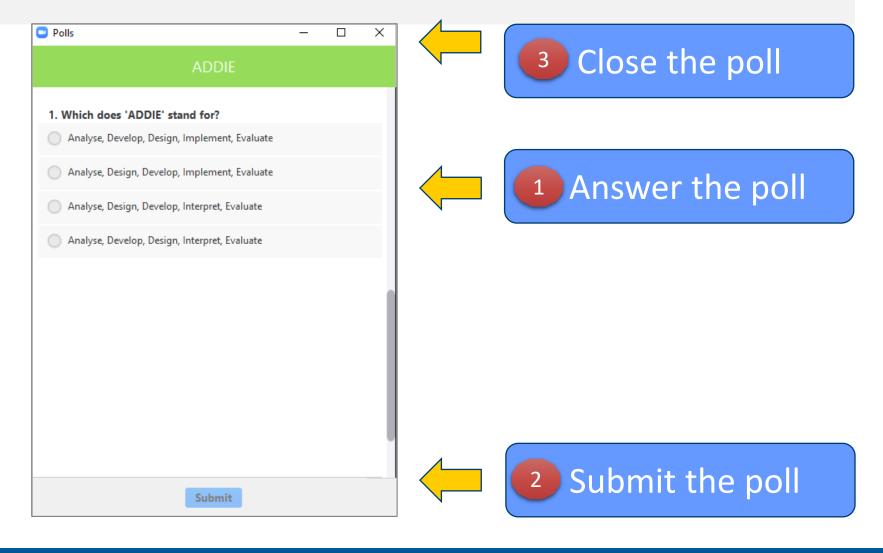
Webinar Topics

- Summer Institute Update
- Promising Practice Presentation: "TE Functional Role Set-Up", Sweetwater Adult School, San Diego, CA
- CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update Tips and Tricks
- CASAS Testing Accommodations and eTests Accessibility Features
- Test Development Update
- Research Studies
- EL Civics Channel
- CASAS News





Polls

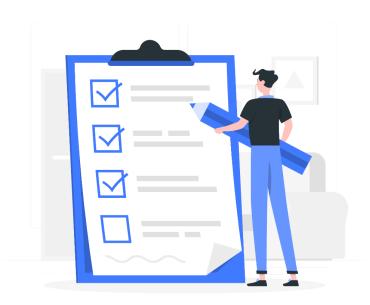


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Polls

- Please answer a poll question about your attendance at CASAS National News and Updates Webinars.
- Submit your answers.





Summer Institute Update





Town and Country Resort in San Diego June 13 to 16







We are looking forward to seeing everyone again and reconnecting with you!

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San Diego's Town & Country Resort



Go to https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/SI/conference-hotel



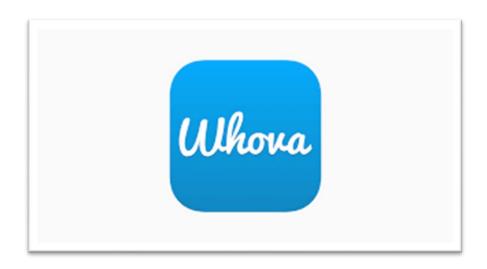


- For those who will be joining us in-person, proof of full COVID-19 vaccination is required during the registration process.
- CASAS has partnered with CrowdPass, a trusted leader in digital health clearance to securely upload your COVID vaccination information.





SI2022 Conference App



 We are using the Whova platform again this year.





- CASAS Implementation Trainings
- Hands-on Technology Labs
- TOPSpro Enterprise and CASAS eTests
- National External Diploma Program
- Workforce Skills Certification System
- More than 100 training sessions, workshops, and panels!

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In-person registration – \$680



Virtual Registration – \$500



In-person Lab Fee – \$80 each

For more information, visit www.casas.org/training-and-support/SI





Town and Country Resort in San Diego June 13 to 16







Registration is now open!

REGISTER



Promising Practice: TE Functional Role Set-up for Teachers

Fabiola Epperly, Educational Research Specialist Sweetwater Adult Education San Diego, CA



CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update

Janice Fera

National Program & Technology Specialist

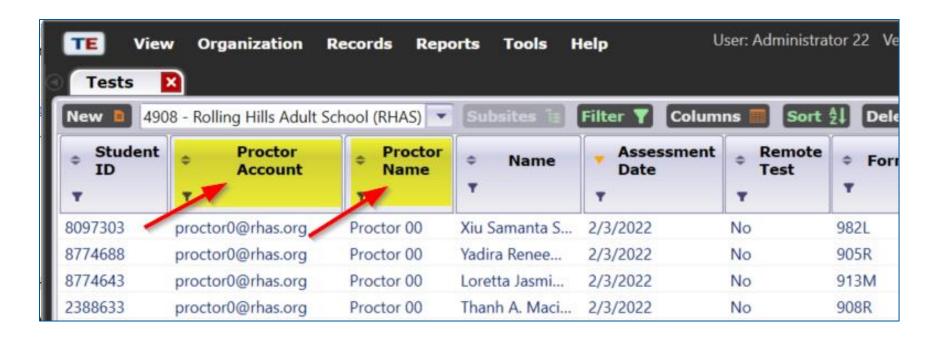


NEW: "Proctor & Test Tracking" in TOPSpro Enterprise



New: Proctor ID is Automatically Recorded by eTests (beginning 1/28/2022)

In TE: Records → Tests

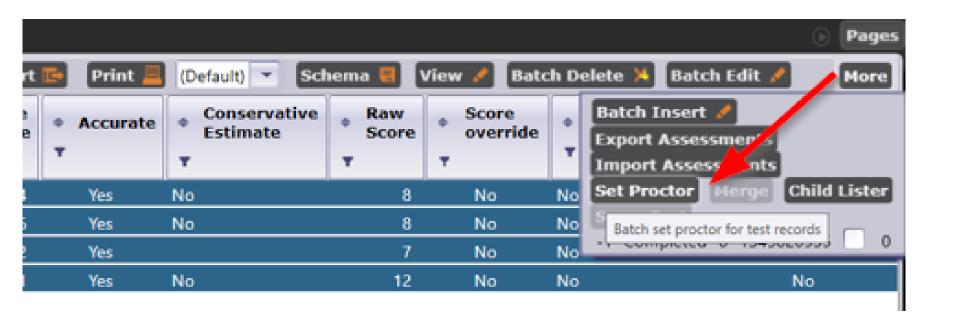




New: Wizard to Add Proctor to earlier tests (taken prior to 1/28/2022)

In TE: Records → Tests [select tests]

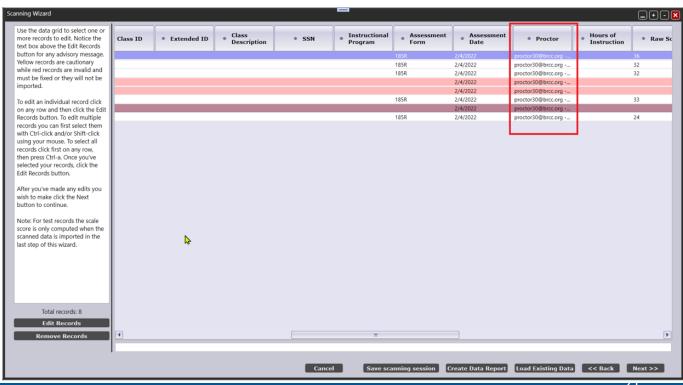
→ More... Set Proctor





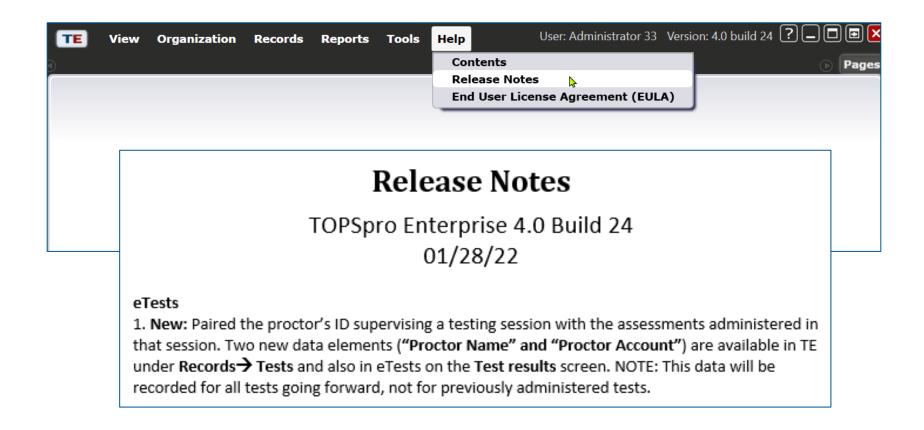
Can we record Proctor Name/Account for Paper Tests? For California COAAP assessments?

Yes! Use the Scanning Wizard... and the 3rd Party Import Wizard





Reminder: Where are the TE Release Notes?





eTests and TE Approved for Windows 11

- Microsoft released the Windows 11 update in October 2021
- TE and eTests have been tested in this environment... so when you're ready to migrate, CASAS software is ready too!





February is Low Vision Awareness Month

Vision impairment — including low vision — affects millions of Americans.

- Vision impairment can make it hard to do things like reading, shopping, or cooking. Eyeglasses, contact lenses, medicines, and surgery can't fix it completely.
- The good news: vision rehabilitation services can help people with vision impairment learn how to stay independent and make the most of their sight.



February is Low Vision Awareness Month

•Low Vision Awareness Month is a great time to spread the word about vision rehabilitation — and make sure that people with vision impairment know about the services available to them.

• https://www.nei.nih.gov/learn-about-eye-
health/outreach-campaigns-and-resources/vision-
rehabilitation-resources/low-vision-awareness-month



CASAS Testing Accommodations and eTests Accessibility Features

Kara Evans
CASAS Assessment Specialist



Test Development Update

Linda Taylor
CASAS VP, Assessment Development



NRS Status of Current & Next Test Series

Assessment	NRS Approval
FOR ABE	
Reading GOALS for ABE/ASE	Through 2025
Math GOALS	Through 2023
New Math Series	Final Forms Studies
FOR ESL	
Life and Work Reading – 80 series Beginning Literacy – Forms 27 and 28 Reading for Language Arts – Forms 513 and 514	Through February 2023
Life and Work Listening – 980 series	Through February 2023
New ESL Reading	Final Forms Studies
New ESL Listening	Final Forms Studies



Research Studies

Karen Burger

National Program Specialist & Field Test Coordinator



Benefits of Participating in Research Studies

- National Study Ensures your adult learners are represented in the development of new tests
- Helps build students' test-taking confidence
- Diminishes test anxiety can be used as a practice test before post-testing
- Gives practitioners an opportunity to look at new assessments
- Contributes to the creation of valid and reliable tests for future use throughout the country



Field Testers from Susan Vinton's Class in Palm Beach County, Florida





Participate in CASAS Final Forms Studies Listening and Reading for ESL

- When? Now and ongoing through June 2022
- Who? Adult learners in ESL/ELL programs and ABE students whose first language is not English
 - All levels are needed
 - LEVEL A TEST-TAKERS (NRS 1 & 2) ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED
- Delivery? eTests and paper/pencil (on site and remote)
 - Paper Testers Especially Needed
- Methodology? Locator/Appraisal + one or two level tests
- Student gift cards: \$5 per test completed



New Math GOALS Final Form Testing – URGENT NEED!

- When? Now and ongoing
- Who? ABE and ASE Learners
 - Also ESL students at NRS Level 4 in Reading
 - All levels are needed
- Delivery? eTests and paper/pencil (on site and remote)
- Methodology? Locator/Appraisal + one or two level tests
- Student gift cards: \$20 per test
- Complimentary web-test units



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- Can field test results be used for reporting purposes?
 - No, they are in development and not NRS approved.
- Will field testing affect my regular program testing?
 - No. Consider as practice tests to help prepare for post-testing.
- Will my program need to pay for the field tests? Or will the test use my program's WTUs?
 - No cost. Field tests do not use WTUs. Paper tests are shipped to you with prepaid return labels.
- How will we access the field tests?
 - We will put a specially configured testing session in your eTests account.
- How will students get the gift cards?
 - CASAS orders Target gift cards; mailed directly to your agency for distribution to students.



How do I get started?



- Communicate with teachers/administrators in program
- Gather information about participation
- Ask students about their interest

For more information visit our field testing webpage or contact:

- Fieldtesting@casas.org
- Karen Burger
 - kburger@casas.org
 - ■800.255.1036 ext. 177

What's New Remote Testing

- Getting started with CASAS eTests
- Live Facilitated Training Registration
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- EL Civics Exchange
- FAQs
- Fairness and Equity Statement



EL Civics Channel

Lynne Robinson CASAS Program Specialist



California EL Civics Support Channel

The CASAS California EL Civics Support Channel is open!

The topics in red are of interest outside of California:

- California EL Civics Implementation
- Integrated Education and Training (IET/IELCE)
- TOPSpro Topics
- Instructional Support/Resources
- Recent California EL Civics Network Meetings
- EL Civics Exchange
- Agency Implementation Examples CA
- Publisher's Corner



California EL Civics Support Channel

The <u>Citizenship Preparation Support Channel</u> will open on February 28.





CASAS News



Upcoming Live Training

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- Overview: TOPSpro Enterprise (TE)
 - Thursday, February 24
 - 11:00 am to 12:30 pm Pacific
- Implementation
 - M2: eTests Implementation
 - Thursday, March 3
 - 10:00 to 11:30 am Pacific

To register, click link on home page



Next National TE Network Meeting

- March 10 (Thursday), 9 am 10:30 am Pacific
- Meeting info will be posted in "What's New" on CASAS website.
- To check the schedule and get registered, visit https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casaslive-facilitated-training





Help Documentation & Videos

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Training Homepage

Just getting started with CASAS eTests?

 See the Going Live! Checklist for more information.



Help Documentation & Videos

Access an index of helpful training materials, click here.



Training Announcements

Modules

▼CASAS eTests Implementation

Module 1: CASAS Implementation Basics

Module 2: CASAS eTests Implementation



Office Hours with CASAS Staff

- Fridays at 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
 - February 25
 - March 11
 - March 25
- Join us for one-to-one support
- Attendees drive the session with their questions
- Register: https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-live-office-hours

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- Wednesday, April 20
- 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- <u>Click</u> to register today!





CASAS Closed for Holiday



- Friday, February 18
- Monday, February 21



Thank you for attending!

Recording of this webinar and the PPT will all be posted in the What's New/News and Update Webinars section on the CASAS website.

- General CASAS Information, casas@casas.org
 - Ask any question including what materials to order
- Order Department <u>orders@casas.org</u>
 - to place an order or check the status of an order
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- Training <u>training@casas.org</u>
- eTests Implementation golive@casas.org
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