

CASAS National News and Updates Webinar Topics

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Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems

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National News and Updates Webinar

January 13, 2021

Presenters:

- Linda Taylor, VP Assessment Development, CASAS
- Jesse D'Spain, CASAS Technology Specialist

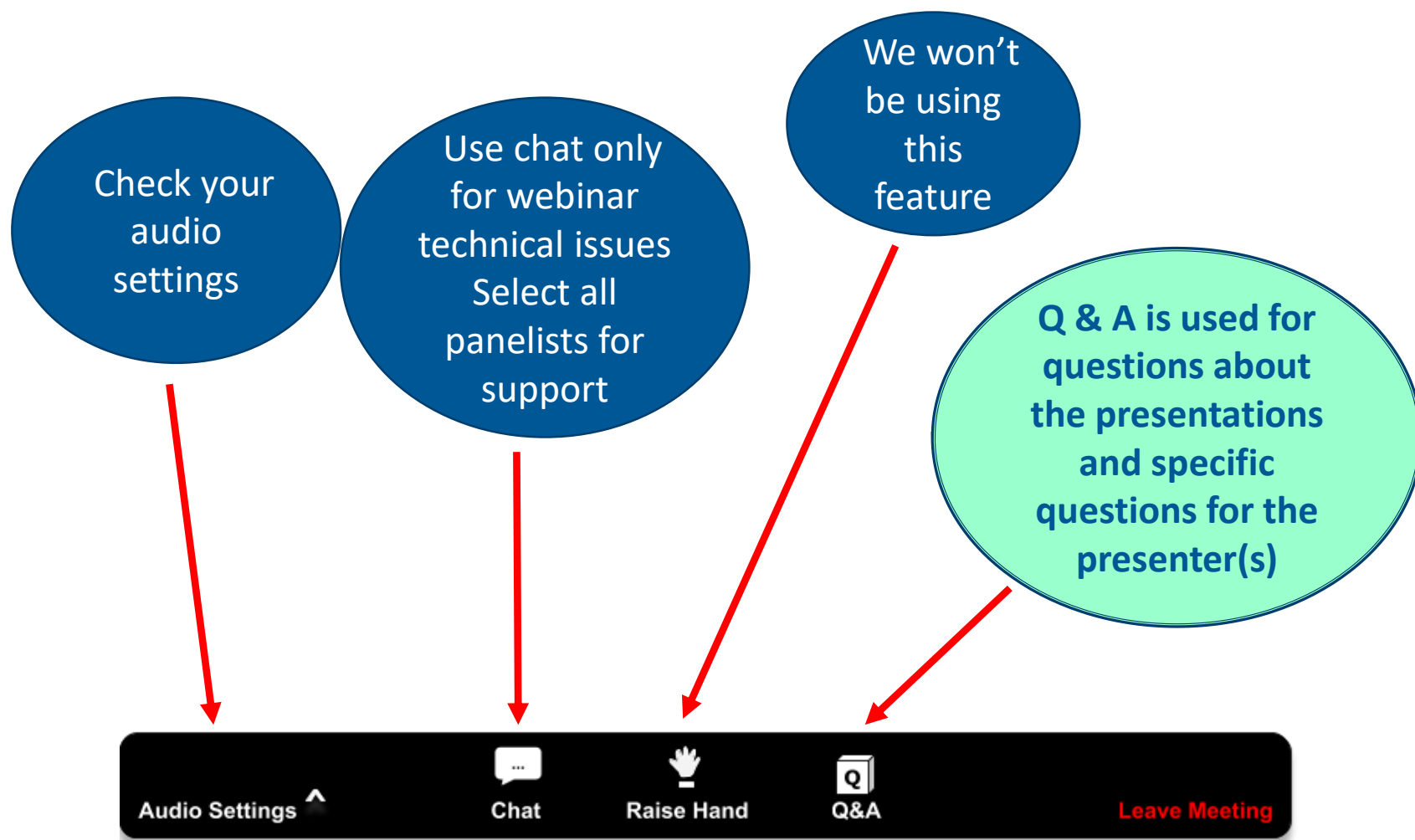
From Elk Grove Adult and Community Education, CA:

- Patricia Oliva, Vice Principal
- Priscilla Perez, Admissions Representative
- Carla Slowiczek, ESL Resource Center Teacher/Coordinator

Welcome to the January 2021 CASAS National Webinar!

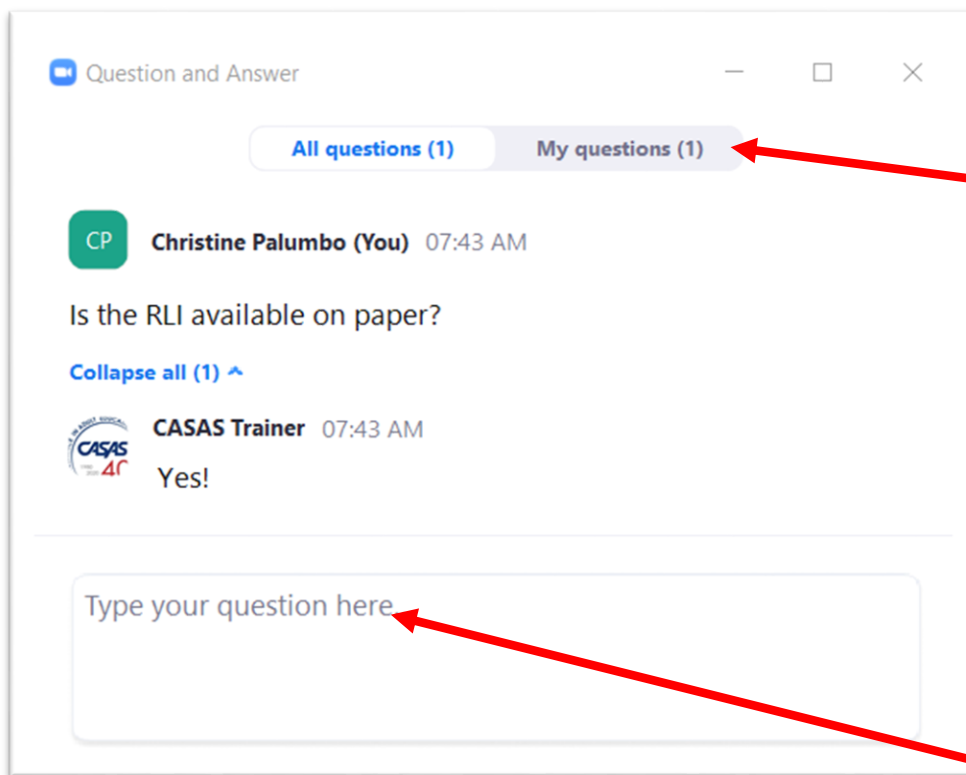
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Before we start: Webinar Tips

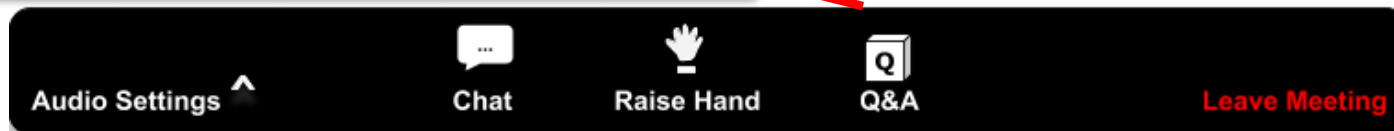


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- **TE Update: New TE 4.0 and Mobile Attendance**
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New CASAS Test Series

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

Testing Sessions

Testing Session Templates

Test Results

Students

Testing Stations

Change Password

Testing Session Templates

(11 records) Refresh

Template Name

Site

Number Of Sessions Using This Template

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Edit template details

Template name:

Site:

RHAS: North Campus

Template configuration

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Modalities

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Move up/down arrows to order data screens displayed to students

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Highest grade information

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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

What's New Remote Testing

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Promising Practice Presentation

Learning and Adapting through COVID: Success Stories from Elk Grove Adult and Community Education

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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 have 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 development)
 - Remote testing with **3rd party proctoring service**, depending on field interest
 - Please email remotetesting@casas.org if interested in this.

Remote Testing Update -- Listening

- CASAS NRS-approved Listening tests may be given remotely.
- **Revised Guideline for Listening tests:**
It is now permissible for the test taker to **use headphones or earbuds** for remote testing of listening.
- Some programs that had previously only tested ESL students in Reading are now starting to do remote testing in Listening.
- Remember: 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.

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

Remote Testing Tips

- **Trend to do 1:1 remote testing for ease of implementation**
 - Requires less proctor technology expertise
 - Need to train more staff as eTests proctors
 - Easier to schedule staff and students to “just get it done”.
- **If your agency purchases Chromebooks** to distribute to students, set up the Chromebooks with “**kiosk mode**” before giving them to students.
 - Kiosk mode provides test security for taking standardized tests.
 - With kiosk mode enabled, Chromebooks can be used for remote testing.
 - OR – buy laptops with Windows 10 if possible
- **Please send any innovative ideas of your own to remotetesting@casas.org!**
- **All remote testing resources are on the [Remote Testing page at casas.org](#)**

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.

CASAS News

CASAS National Summer Institute

**An Inspiring Online Adult Education
Professional Development Event**

**Save These Dates!
June 17-18 and
June 22-23, 2021**

Registration opens January 15th

**More than 100 training sessions, panels,
and workshops!**

Live TE Basics Training – February 19



10:30 am
– 12 pm
Pacific

Register

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 Enterprise Training

- TOPSpro Enterprise (TE) Basics – Quick Start! – February 19, 2021, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)
- California agencies should register here: <https://www.caadultedtraining.org/CASAS/7629>



Live Facilitated Implementation Training



CASAS eTests Implementation

- Module 1 – February 2, 2021, 11:50 am – 2:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)
- Module 2 – February 4, 2021, 11:50 am – 2:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)



Paper Test Implementation

- Module 1 – February 2, 2021, 11:50 am – 2:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)
- Module 3 – January 12, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)



Instructional Implementation

- Module 1 – February 2, 2021, 11:50 am – 2:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)
- Module 4 – January 14, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)



- Next one: January 14th
Module 4: Test Results and Reports
- Sessions for February – May 2021
 - eTests
 - Paper tests
 - Instructional reports
- Certificate of Completion provided

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- 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- Register today!



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 - Ask any question - including what materials to order
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 - to place an order or check the status of an order
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- ➔ Training – training@casas.org
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- ➔ Remote Testing – remotetesting@casas.org

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