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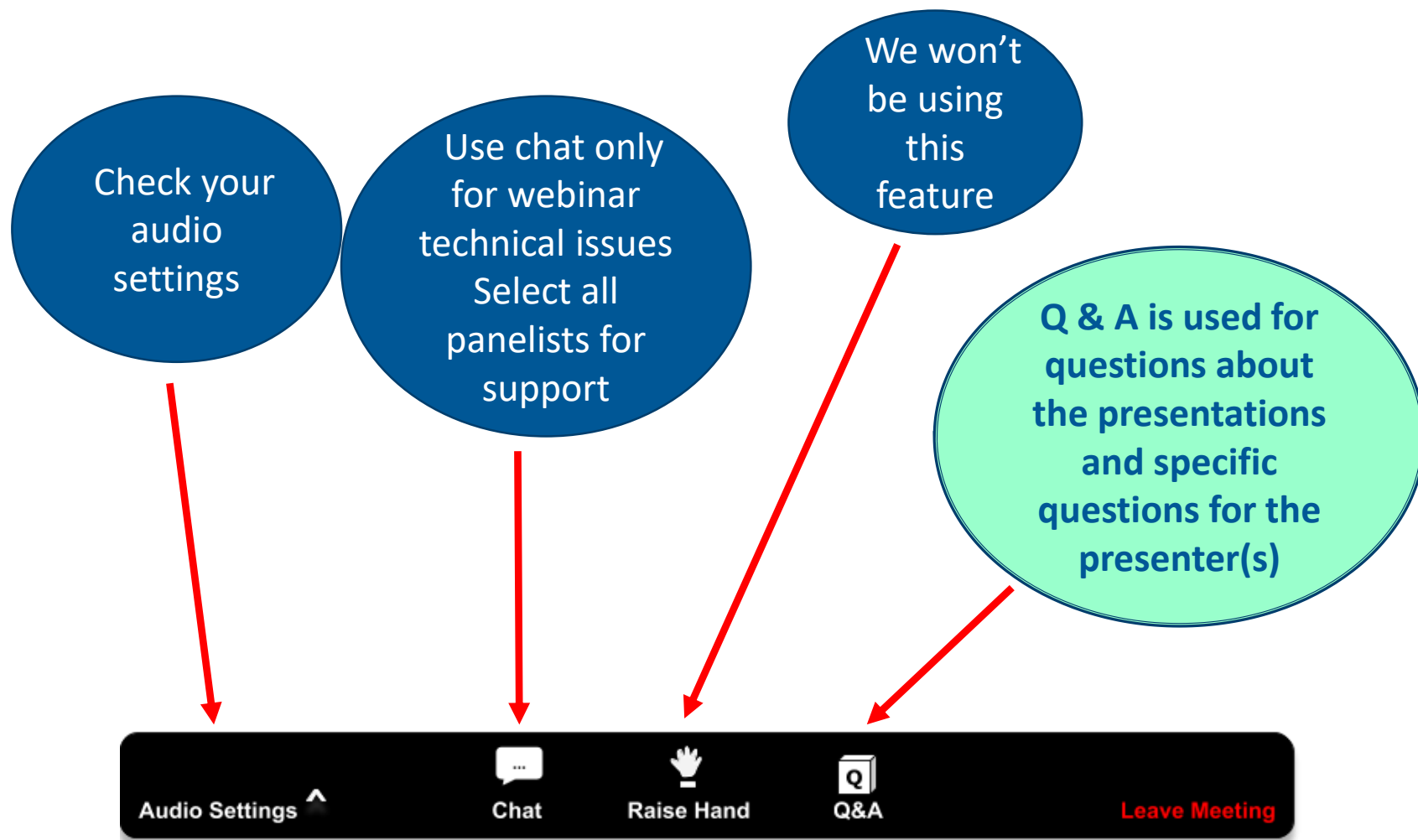## May 19, 2021

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Welcome to the May 2021 CASAS National Webinar!

- Your **phones and computers are automatically muted**.

- Please post **questions related to the presentation in the Q & A, *not*** in the Chat Box**.
  Due to the large attendance, CASAS Staff will respond later to any unanswered questions.

- Please only post **technical difficulties about using Zoom for today's webinar** in the **Chat Box**.

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Before we start: Webinar Tips

Check your audio settings

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

We won't be using this feature

Q & A is used for questions about the presentations and specific questions for the presenter(s)

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"Q&A": Questions for the Presenter

- Type questions directly related to the presentation
  - New questions from the Q & A today will be added to the FAQs on the CASAS website.
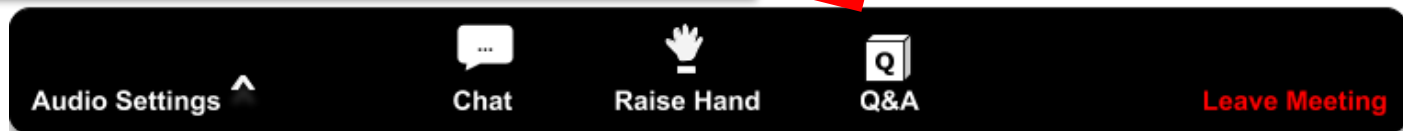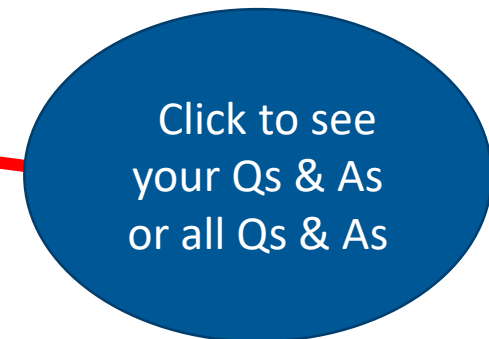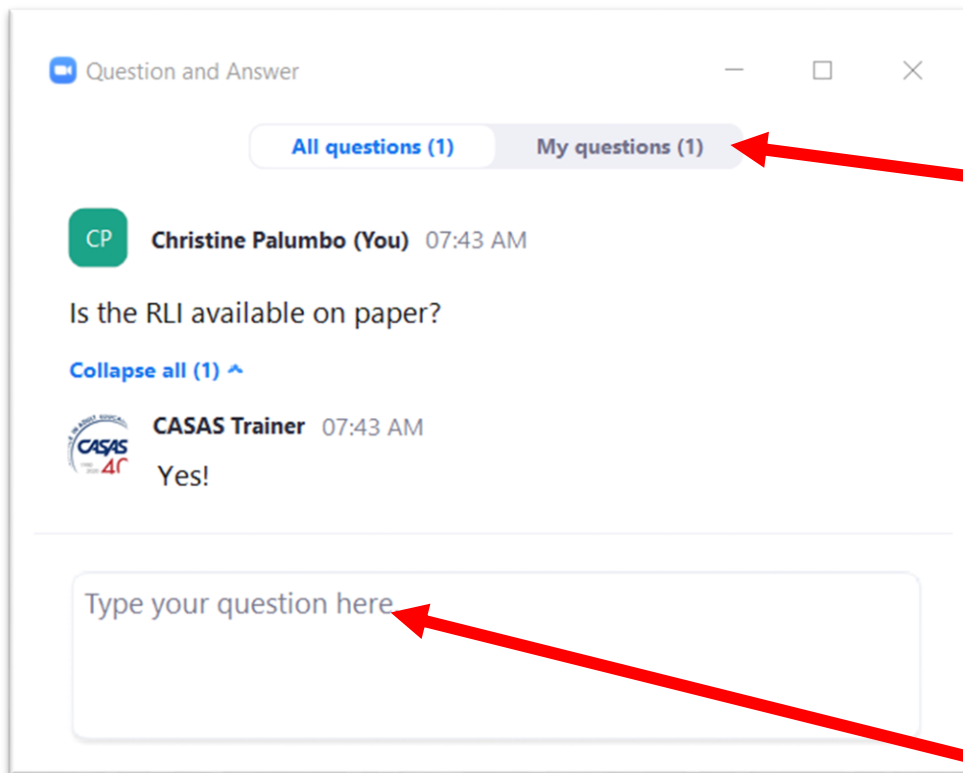
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Test Development

Linda Taylor

Fairness and Equity in CASAS Assessments

- CASAS policy and practice ensures fairness and equity
  - for all test items and forms
  - for all test types (e.g., multiple-choice, generated response, portfolio assessment, etc.).

- Many of these fairness and equity practices take place during the item and test development process, including:
  - item reviews by practitioners from diverse backgrounds
  - DIF and other psychometric analyses for possible bias
  - development of score interpretation guidelines that reflect equity and diversity principles

- CASAS also conducts ongoing item and test review.

- Information is posted on the CASAS website.

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)

Current & Next GOALS Series and NRS Status

For ABE/ASE

➢Reading GOALS - approved through 2025

- Next Reading GOALS series in development

➢Math GOALS for ABE/ASE - approved through 2023

- Next Math GOALS series in development
- To be submitted for NRS approval in 2022.

For ESL

➢ ESL Reading GOALS and Listening GOALS

- Final form studies in progress
- To be submitted for NRS approval in 2022.

Demographics Needed for Ongoing eTests Unscored Embedded Field Test Items

We need your help!

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

- **Gender**

- **Native Language**

- **Ethnicity/Race**

A student only needs to enter this info one time.

Participate in CASAS final forms studies in Listening and Reading for ESL

- **When?** Now and ongoing

- **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 available at https://www.casas.org/product-overviews/research-and-evaluation/field-testing-opportunities

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

- 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

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CASAS Writing Assessments

- The **CASAS Written Prompt Essay** is currently used in the NEDP Program's Diagnostics Phase.
- Will be available in CASAS eTests (not paper)
- Students write an essay in response to a written prompt.
- Takes 45 minutes to one hour.
- Auto-scored!
- Not for NRS reporting
- Expected to be available in Summer 2021

CASAS Writing Assessments

- New **CASAS Writing and Language test**
- Multiple-choice
- Aligned to CCRS Writing and Language Standards
- Possible uses:
  - Screen for readiness to pass an HSE exam, or transition to post-secondary instruction or work
  - Assist in placement, guiding instruction, and monitoring progress in writing skills
- Two test levels. 20 – 30 minutes.
- Not for NRS reporting
- Expected to be available in Summer 2021

CASAS Citizenship Assessments

- Citizenship Interview Test (CIT)
  - ▫ Assesses speaking in a simulated USCIS oral interview
- Government and History for Citizenship
  - ▫ Forms 965 & 966
  - ▫ Measures knowledge of government, history and civics based on the USCIS 100 questions.
- Reading for Citizenship, Level A
  - ▫ Reading comprehension in citizenship context
  - ▫ For NRS pre- and post-testing of beginning level learners

Promising Practice Presentation

Strategies to Help Prevent Student Test Anxiety

Adult and Community Education, School District of Palm Beach County, FL

- Daisy Shah, Specialist/Florida State Certified CASAS Trainer

- Linda Fermo-Garcia, Technology Specialist/ Florida State Certified CASAS Trainer

TOPSpro Enterprise (TE) Update

TE Start Page

eTests Update

Steps to Replicate Testing Sessions

Replicating Testing Sessions

It's time to get ready for testing in the new program year!

1. Review your current **Testing Session Templates.**

2. Review your current **Testing Sessions** using the Templates.

3. Follow Steps to Replicate Testing Sessions.

Training Update

- Retrieving Certificates
- Help Documentation & Videos

Need a Copy of your Certificate?

1. Go to training.casas.org.

2. Click the Title for your training.

3. Login with your CASAS website credentials.

4. Scroll to the bottom of the module and click on Certificate of Completion.

5. Click Get my Certificate.

6. A pop-up window will display your certificate.

Help Documentation & Videos

CASAS training materials are on the move!

Looking for training materials with helpful videos?

- Access the new **Index** on the Training website.

- Development is ongoing with new items added daily.

- So be sure to visit frequently and check out what's new!

Go to: http://training.casas.org/course/view.php?id=355

Summer Institute 2021

CASAS National Summer Institute
June 17-18 and June 22-23, 2021

An Inspiring Online Adult Education

Professional Development Event

Register now on the CASAS website.

More than 100 training sessions, panels, and workshops!

Events

- Kickoff session
  - Wed. June 16

- Keynote
  - Tues. June 22
  - Josh Davies, CEO, Center For Work Ethic Development

- Agenda is posted, plus sessions still being added

https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/SI/Agenda

Tech Labs Schedule: June 17 & 18

• One-hour sessions, 15 min. breaks

▫ 8:00 - 9:00 am (PST)
▫ 9:15 - 10:15
▫ 10:30 - 11:30
▫ 12:00 - 1:00

Something for Everyone!

- Overviews for Beginners

- Skills Training - TE and eTests

- Federal (and CA) Accountability Trainings

- Product Development News

- Implementation and Certification Training

1) Overviews for Beginners

- Introduction to TOPSpro Enterprise (TE)

- Introduction to Proctoring

- Remote Testing Overview

- TE Overview for Administrators

2) TE and eTests Skills Training

eTests® | TOPSpro® enterprise
CASAS
Online System

- Setting up Classes
- Importing, Exporting, and Scanning Data
- Distance Learning Attendance Tracking

- User Access and Setting Up Sites
- Managing TE Attendance Hours
- TE "Tips and Tricks" (for Advanced Users)

- eTests Coordinators – Testing Management
- Remote Testing for Proctors

3) Accountability Workshops

- NRS Federal Reporting
- Managing NRS Performance Goals
- Using the NRS DIR

- Managing CA Payment Points
- California Adult Ed (CAEP) Reports

4) Product Development News!

- TE Transcripts

- TE Student Portal

- TE Innovations – Recap of 20-21

5) Implementation & Certification Training

- **Live Facilitated Implementation Training**
  - Same content as online self-directed training modules
  - For those who prefer live training
  - Meets CASAS Implementation training requirements
  - Ends with Certificate of Completion

  - **Standalone Trainings** – Modules 1, 2, 3 & 4
  - **Tandem Trainings**
    - Modules 1 and 2 combined – for eTests users
    - Modules 1 and 3 combined – for paper test users
    - Modules 1 and 4 combined – for all users

- **WSCS (Workforce Skills Certification System) Training**

Live Facilitated Training

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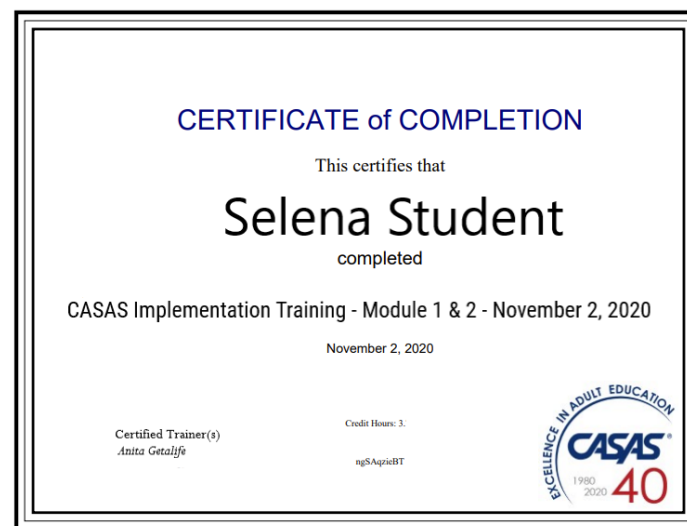
CASAS Live Facilitated Training

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! –** May 21, 2021, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Click here to register.
- California agencies should register here: www.caadultedtraining.org/CASAS/7699

Next TE Basics – Thursday, July 22, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PST

CASAS Implementation is a series of 4 training modules. All four modules are available in **self-study modules** or in **facilitated trainings**. You may complete each module in one format or vary the format by module. Module content is the same regardless of format. Please complete Module 1 of CASAS Implementation Training before you register for any other modules, as Module 1 is mandatory. If you have any questions, please contact training@casas.org.

CASAS National Summer Institute 2021

The CASAS Summer Institute is the nation's leading professional development event for adult educators and training professionals.

Online Registration is Open!

June 17-18 (Trainings)
June 22-23 (Workshops)

Implementation Training Schedule

CASAS eTests Implementation

- **Modules 1 and 2** – August 3, 2021, 9:50 am – 1:00 pm Pacific) **/** Registration available in July.
- **Module 1** – August 24, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Registration available in July.
- **Module 2** – September 9, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Registration available in July.

Paper Test Implementation

- **Modules 1 and 3** – May 25, 2021, 9:50 am – 1:00 pm (Pacific) **/** [Click here to register](#).
- **Modules 1 and 3** – August 5, 2021, 9:50 am – 1:00 pm (Pacific) / Registration available in July.
- **Module 1** – August 24, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Registration available in July.
- **Module 3** – September 21, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Registration available in July.

Instructional Implementation

- **Modules 1 and 4** – August 10, 2021, 9:50 am – 1:00 pm (Pacific) / Registration available in July.
- **Module 1** – August 24, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Registration available in July.
- **Module 4** – September 23, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / Registration available in July.

CASAS National Summer Institute

June 22 and 23 - Workshops & Panels

- Workforce and adult education initiatives
- 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

CASAS Remote Testing Update

COVID Silver Lining

- Expanded use of technology!

- Greater interest in CASAS eTests!

- Greater flexibility to administer assessments remotely

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

Proctor Remote Testing Certification

- Optional online training resource for eTests proctors to learn about remote testing
- Includes a short Check for Understanding section
- Certification of Completion is provided.

Certification for Remote Testing with CASAS eTests

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)

  ▫ **Development of eTests mobile app with integration of video conferencing** -- 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.

FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

- Began May 12th

- Helps families and households to **afford internet service**.

- Provides a discount of **up to $50 per month towards broadband service** for eligible households.

- **One-time discount of up to $100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet**.
  - Must contribute more than $10 and less than $50 toward the purchase price.

FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

How can you help?

- **Become an Outreach Partner**: Sign up to receive information about EBB program developments.

- **Get the word out with materials** from the EBB Outreach Toolkit in English and multiple languages.

- **Direct students** to GetEmergencyBroadband.org

- Please **share this information** with your colleagues.

- For more info, visit the FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit webpage.

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CASAS Statewide Supported Implementation

CASAS Local Agency Implementation

Office Hours with CASAS Staff

- Fridays at 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern. See the schedule on the CASAS website.

- 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 Office Hours at: https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-live-office-hours

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- Wednesday, August 18th
- 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- Register today!

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➡ General CASAS Information, casas@casas.org
   ▫ Ask any question - including what materials to order

➡ Order Department – orders@casas.org
   ▫ to place an order or check the status of an order

➡ Tech Support – techsupport@casas.org

➡ Training – training@casas.org

➡ eTests Implementation – golive@casas.org

➡ Remote Testing – remotetesting@casas.org