

Technical Assistance Guidance

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Subject: Guidance on the Deployment of Basic Skills Tests/Assessments

Purpose

This TAG provides sub-recipients with guidance to improve quality of service, effective management practices and ensure compliance with Federal, State and local regulations.

Background

Standardized assessment results may be used to validate data entered in the designated MIS for eligibility (Adult Priority of Service and Youth Basic Skills Deficiency) and for performance (Measurable Skills Gain for Educational Achievement). It is critical that these assessments be conducted in a manner that ensures accurate scoring results. WC is also seeking to align the system and update the deployment method of these assessments.

References

PL113-128 WIOA (Section 107, 134, 184, 194, 503)

DETR TAG 15-1

DETR WISS SCP 1.6, 5.7

Guidance

Effective July 1, 2017, standardized tests must be deployed through online mechanisms only. Paper assessments may NOT be utilized unless a Reasonable Accommodation is requested and required. The online deployment must be done in accordance with the standards set forth by the testing organization (CASAS, DRC – TABE, etc.).

Action

Please share this information with all WIOA Title I staff and other interested parties.

WC will continue to provide technical assistance to support the workforce system. For more information and/or updates, please contact your program manager at your earliest convenience.

Technical Assistance

Available upon request.