

AN UPDATE FROM ACADEMIC STANDARDS, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT—NOVEMBER 10, 2021

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Pretest Editing New DAC Q&A: Save the Date

The next MDE Q&A webinar for New DACs will focus on Pretest Editing and will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 30, from 2–3 pm. Experienced DACs are also welcome to attend.

The prerequisites for this webinar are:

- Chapter 4 of the [Procedures Manual](#)
- The Pretest Editing recorded online training, which will be available in the [Training Management System \(TMS\)](#) on Friday afternoon, Nov. 19 (on the District Assessment Coordinator tab under MDE Recorded Webinars).

Note: Q&A webinars are intended to provide a conversational setting where new DACs can receive support on existing resources and upcoming tasks. Q&A webinars are not recorded as they are not trainings and do not provide any new content, as all answers are available in the prerequisites.

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Supported System Requirements for ACCESS for ELLs Online and WIDA Screener Online

Refer to the [Tech Update](#) section for information on updated *Supported System Requirements for ACCESS for ELLs Online and WIDA Screener Online*

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Translations of MCA and MTAS Individual Student Report (ISR) Quick Guide

Translations of the MCA and MTAS *Individual Student Report (ISR) Quick Guides* have been posted to the [Students and Families Statewide Testing](#) page (under the Translated Documents expandable heading).

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WIDA AMS and WIDA Secure Portal Account Updates

DRC Customer Support sent a memo to all DACs and District Technology Coordinators last Wednesday, Nov. 3, informing them that their WIDA AMS accounts have been updated for the current school year. Users can verify that the 2021–22 Administration is available in the WIDA AMS Administration dropdown menu (under My Applications > User or Student Management). New DACs who were indicated in MDE-ORG by Oct. 15 should have received an email with account information for WIDA AMS. Please contact DRC Customer Support at 855-787-9615 or WIDA@DataRecognitionCorp.com with any questions.

For the WIDA Secure Portal, New DACs who were indicated in MDE-ORG by Oct. 15 should have received an email on Nov. 9 about creating their Secure Portal accounts or letting them know that their account now has the Account Management permission account information for the WIDA Secure Portal.

New DACs indicated after Oct. 15 should send their request for account access for both systems to mde.testing@state.mn.us. As long as they are indicated as the DAC in MDE-ORG, MDE will approve the request and send it to the service providers to create both accounts. Note: New DACs should confirm they are indicated as the DAC in [MDE-ORG](#) before sending their request.

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Odds and Ends

MDE will be closed this Thursday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

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Upcoming Opportunities

November New DAC Q&A

The November New DAC Q&A webinar is Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 2–3 p.m. Experienced DACs are also welcome to attend. [Register for the New DAC Q&A Webinar](#). Details for joining the webinar are provided once participants register.

The prerequisites for this webinar are the following chapters of the [Procedures Manual](#):

- Chapter 2: Overview of Statewide Assessments
- Chapter 3: Roles and Responsibilities for Testing
- Chapter 5: Responsible and Ethical Practices to Maintain Test Security and Test Score Integrity

MDE uses questions from new DACs to prepare for the webinar. After reading the chapters, [submit questions for the New DAC Q&A webinar](#).

ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS Webinars

WIDA and DRC will be hosting the webinars below during the month of November. More information about each webinar can be found in the [WIDA Secure Portal](#) on the Webinars page. There is no need to register in advance.

- Join the [Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Administrators](#) on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1 p.m.
- Join the [During Testing: Managing Students in WIDA AMS \(Online\)](#) on Thursday, Nov. 18, 1 p.m.
- Join the [Alternate ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Administrators](#) on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1 p.m.

Recordings of these webinars will be posted in the [WIDA Secure Portal](#) (on the Webinars page) within a week of each event.

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Tech Update

Supported System Requirements for ACCESS for ELLs Online and WIDA Screener Online

In this week's WIDA Monday Mail, WIDA and DRC provided information on updated [WIDA's Supported System Requirements for ACCESS for ELLs Online and WIDA Screener Online](#) (No log in required. In the second paragraph under the first heading, select "click here (login not required)" > on the Training Materials page, click the Show Documents button to display all documents > from the list of documents, locate and download the memo from Oct. 28). These system requirements are valid from October 2021–February 2022.

Contact DRC Customer Support at wida@datarecognitioncorp.com or 855-787-9615 with any questions.

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