

# Upcoming District Assessment Coordinator Trainings

Pearson will provide a variety of trainings for District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) and any other interested district staff in preparation for the MCA & MTAS 2021 test administrations.

## Virtual Trainings with MDE

**Note for 2020-21:** Pearson and MDE will offer virtual trainings for DACs. These virtual trainings are spread across multiple days, and each session will cover unique topics.

- Virtual New DAC Orientation: Oct. 20–Oct. 22
  - Session 1: Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 9–11 a.m.
  - Session 2: Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m.–noon
  - Session 3: Thursday, Oct. 22, from 9–11:30 a.m.
- Virtual DAC Test Administration Training: Dec. 15–Dec. 17
  - Session dates and times TBD

The weekly *Assessment Update* sent by MDE will include additional detailed information and links to register.

## Video Trainings

Video trainings will be posted to the [Training Management System](#) (TMS) throughout the test administration (District Assessment Coordinator > Pearson Video Trainings OR Data and Reporting > Pearson Data and Reporting Trainings). These will be short demonstrations for specific topics in PearsonAccess Next including: user management, Training Management System (TMS), reporting groups, on-demand reports, longitudinal reports, and published reports. These can be used by new DACs in preparation for the in-person trainings, as well as a quick refresher for experienced staff. The weekly *Assessment Update* will include information about when these video trainings are available in the TMS.

## Webinar Trainings

Webinar trainings will be recorded, and session recordings and PowerPoint presentations will be posted to the Training Management System (TMS). Each webinar training is limited to the first 250 participants. No registration is required.

The table below contains the webinar training topics, high-level agendas, format, dates and times, toll free call-in number, conference code, and links to join each session on the day of the training. Note: Participants can also hear the audio using their computer or device rather than calling in.

Training and Topic	Training Format	Date, Time, Call-in Number, and Conference Code	Meeting Link
<p><b>Pearson New DAC Q&amp;A</b></p> <p>Review and discuss DAC questions related to user management in PearsonAccess Next and the Training Management System (TMS). An overview of the topics that will be covered at the upcoming Test Administration Training will be addressed to provide context and background information for New DACs</p>	Webinar	<p>Thursday, Dec. 10 2–3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Call-in phone number: 1-866-789-9850</p> <p>Conference code: 130 148 254#</p>	<p><a href="#">Select this link to join the webinar on Dec. 10.</a></p>



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<p><b>PearsonAccess Next: New DACs (1–2 years)</b></p> <p>Comprehensive overview of PearsonAccess Next for the MCA and MTAS 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MCA: viewing student data, viewing accommodations and linguistic supports, creating test sessions and managing, printing student testing tickets and session rosters, resuming student tests, and indicating test codes</li><li>• MTAS: assigning teachers to student tests, entering LCI and student scores, indicating test codes, and score entry status reports</li><li>• MCA and MTAS: Overview of additional orders and tracking materials</li></ul>	Webinar	<p>Tuesday, Feb. 16 1–3 p.m.</p> <p>Call-in phone number: 1-866-789-9850</p> <p>Conference code: 863 608 568#</p>	<p><a href="#">Select this link to join the webinar on Feb. 16.</a></p>
<p><b>TestNav and Item Samplers: For New DACs and Educators (1–2 years)</b></p> <p>Overview of TestNav general functionality and online and accessibility tools, signing in to TestNav, checking audio, verifying student name, and the differences between Reading, Mathematics, and Science MCAs. How to access item samplers will also be addressed.</p>	Webinar	<p>Thursday, Feb. 18 10–11 a.m.</p> <p>Call-in phone number: 1-866-789-9850</p> <p>Conference code: 117 119 720#</p>	<p><a href="#">Select this link to join the webinar on Feb. 18.</a></p>