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October 2007 Meeting

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What's New

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Online registration for California Fall 2007 Regional and Web-based Training is now available.

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California EL Civics Web Site

The California EL Civics Web site provides information on program implementation, requirements, and resources to California EL Civics agencies.

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California English Literacy and Civics Education

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Employers seek workers with strong basic skills to work smart and grow on the job.

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Sample Test Items Now Available!



CASAS sample test items are now available on the CASAS Web site.

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Upcoming Statewide CASAS Regional Trainings

Old Marshall Adult School

Sacramento, California

October 31-November 1

Day 1

8:30am-12:30pm Implementation Training - New Users

1:30-4pm Accountability Training

Day 2

8:30-3:30 TOPSpro Basic Training

[For more training, see web-based training schedule](#)

Web Training Schedule

Implementation

CASAS eTests	10/18/07 Thursday 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
CASAS Content Standards	10/18/07 Thursday 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
IT Module I	10/23/07 Tuesday 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
IT Module II	10/23/07 Tuesday 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Lesson Plans	10/24/07 Wednesday 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Citizenship Interview Test	10/25/07 Thursday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Citizenship Interview Test	11/30/07 Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Web Training Schedule

Accountability

EL Civics Basics	10/12/07 Friday 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Accountability for Adult Schools	10/12/07 Friday 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Accountability for Exp Users	10/12/07 Friday 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Data Submission Guidelines	10/16/07 Tuesday 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
CASAS Resources	10/16/07 Tuesday 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Accountability for Exp Users	10/16/07 Tuesday 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
EL Civics Additional Assessments	10/18/07 Thursday 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Accountability for New Users	11/2/07 Friday 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Accountability for Exp Users	11/2/07 Friday 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Web Training Schedule

TOPSpro

- Module II: Report Generation 10/24/07 Wednesday 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
- Module VI: Instructional Reports 10/24/07 Wednesday 1:30 PM– 2:30 PM
- Module IV: State Requirements 10/30/07 Tuesday 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
- Module V: Federal Requirements 10/30/07 Tuesday 1:30 PM–2:30 PM

Recertification for Administering the Citizenship Interview Test (CIT) expires November 30, 2007

- The CIT test administrator must be currently certified for students to earn a payment point.
- Please email your CASAS Program Specialist with a list of those who plan to recertify. Include email address and phone number. We will call you if we don't hear from you.
- Anyone certified before April 30th 2007 needs to recertify 2007-08 program year. Check the expiration date on their certificate.
- Once CASAS receives the list, information will be sent to each person seeking recertification.

CIT Recertification

- People who did not recertify last year can review materials and prepare for recertification process via telephone tutorial or the CIT self-training manual.
- Contact Celanire, cflagg@casas.org, or 1-800-255-1036 ext. 108 for additional questions or information.

Civics (History and Government) Items for the Redesigned Naturalization Test

- Beginning October 1, 2008, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will begin implementation of a redesigned naturalization test.
- All applicants who file for naturalization on or after October 1, 2008 will be required to take the redesigned test.

Redesigned Naturalization Test (continued)

- For those applicants who file prior to October 1, 2008 but are not interviewed until after October 2008 (but before October 2009), there will be an option of taking the redesigned test or the current one.

Redesigned Naturalization Test (continued)

- The 100 civics (history and government) questions and answers from the redesigned naturalization test are found at www.uscis.gov
- Some of the items have more than one possible answer listed.
- Applicants will only be required to give one answer from the list unless the question asks for more.

Redesigned Naturalization Test (continued)

- An example of a question that requires more than one of the listed answers is item 36:
 - “What are two Cabinet-level positions?”
- In this example, applicants would be required to tell the adjudicator any two of the listed possible responses.

Redesigned Naturalization Test (continued)

- Applicants for naturalization taking the redesigned test should note that USCIS is aware that the 100 items sometimes have answers that are not listed.

Goal Setting

- Research describes 3 key supports to student persistence:
 - Students establish goals
 - Progress toward a goal
 - Self-efficacy

Goal Setting Networking

- Form small groups
- Identify a facilitator, a note taker and a reporter
- Discuss
 - Is your agency working on student goal setting? If so, please describe.
 - What would you like to do in the future in the area of student goal setting? How could goal setting be part of classroom instruction?
- Report Back

WIA Title II Instructional Questionnaire (IQ)

- Required by CDE
- Collects classroom related data from ABE, ESL, and ASE classes for the month of October only
- Data correlated with TOPSpro data
- CASAS will mail the IQ early October.
- Completed IQs are due to CASAS November 15, 2007
- Replaces the Spring IQ data collection

Deadlines

- By October 31, 2007:
 - First TOPSpro Data
 - All students enrolled in July – September
 - Instructions are on www.casas.org under California Accountability
 - First quarter Data Integrity Report
 - Enter at least 1 COAAP and **go to checkout**
- By November 15 :
 - WIA Title II Instructional Questionnaire

Contact Information for New Personnel

- Update WIA II Contact Information
 - Include name, phone #, email and title: Primary WIA or EL Civics contact or district administrator
 - FAX on District Letterhead to:
 - Rich Berry @ CDE, Fax #916-327-7089
 - Rebeca Mellado @ CASAS, Fax #858-292-2910

Notify CALPRO and/or CASAS Program Specialists to be on mailing list for network meetings