# BEST Plus 3.0 Field Testing – Recruiting Current Users

From all of us at CAL, we want to thank you for your ongoing support of the BEST family of assessments for adult English learners. We value our partnership with you as we work to ensure that these assessments continue to meet your program needs and the learners you serve.

CAL is committed to enhancing the BEST family of assessments as operational testing programs. That process includes the development of new test items for the next version of the test, BEST Plus 3.0 - with a launch date, pending NRS approval, ofJuly 1, 2019.

**We are now recruiting current BEST Plus 2.0 users to participate in the field testing.**

*Please email [aea@cal.org](mailto:aea@cal.org) by August 31, 2017 to confirm your program's interest in participating in the BEST Plus field test.*

**About the field test**

CAL is looking for programs utilizing the BEST Plus 2.0 computer-adaptive version to assess examinees from a variety of sub groups, including diverse countries/regions of origin, races or ethnicities, native languages, second languages, ages, religions, genders, and English proficiencies.  CAL will select programs based on the amount of data required for this analysis as well as geographic location.

The field test will be conducted in Fall 2017 and CAL will work with you to make the process as easy as possible.

**Complementary BEST Plus 2.0 computer-based test administrations**

As an incentive and thank you, CAL will provide complementary BEST Plus 2.0 computer-based test administrations based on quantity of successful field test administrations as follows:

  50 BEST Plus 2.0 administrations for 20-49 examinees assessed with field test

100 BEST Plus 2.0 administrations for 50-99 examinees assessed with field test

150 BEST Plus 2.0 administrations for 100-149 examinees assessed with field test

200 BEST Plus 2.0 administrations for 150 or more examinees assessed with field test

The complementary test administrations will be provided after we have received your program's field test data.

**Field test details**
§ Programs will be able to use their local resources (trained BEST Plus Test Administrator staff, location, equipment, examinees) to administer a modified version of the BEST Plus 2.0 software that includes embedded field test items.
§ As this is an operational version of BEST Plus 2.0, programs will be able to test their students and receive reportable score reports as the field test items will not be counted toward the overall score.
§ CAL will send modified software to participating partners and collect the resulting data. This field test will help us select the most valid and reliable items.
§ If you choose to participate and are selected, CAL will be holding two webinars to go over the procedures for this study.
§ All data will be held in strict confidentiality and no identifying information (e.g. examinee names, program names) will be used in our analysis. CAL will provide a data sharing agreement for your program in order to ensure the security of your data.

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Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have. Thank you for your continued support.

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**CAL's adult ESL assessments staff are available to answer questions.**
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