



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Naturalization Test Redesign Trial Test Updates

USCIS

May 31, 2023

- Good afternoon everyone.
- We welcome you to our fourth engagement in a series of national stakeholder engagements on the volunteer trial testing process for the Naturalization Test Redesign.

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PARTS OF THE TRIAL TEST



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UPDATE ON VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS



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- Approximately 170 organizations have volunteered.
- Volunteer organizations:
 - Are located in 37 states and territories.
 - Range in size from a few students to hundreds.
- We are still accepting volunteers.
- To volunteer for the trial tests, please send an email to: natzredesign22@uscis.dhs.gov by May 31, 2023.

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- As of May 10, 170 organizations have signed up to volunteer.
- We are still accepting volunteer organizations. Please contact us soon as possible, if you are interested in volunteering.
- To volunteer for the trial tests, please email: natzredesign22@uscis.dhs.gov, **by May 31, 2023.**

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TRIAL TEST VOLUNTEER OPTIONS



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- Organizations that teach English as a Second Language (ESL) *only* may volunteer for the speaking trial test *only*.
- Organizations that teach citizenship (ESL, civics, and history) may volunteer for *both* the speaking and civics trial tests.
- Organizations may only choose one way of volunteering:
 - The speaking trial test only; *OR*
 - Both speaking and civics trial tests.
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- The trial test platform has two separate options.
- General English as a Second Language (ESL) programs can volunteer for the speaking trial test *only*.
- Adult citizenship programs that cover history, civics, and ESL components can volunteer for the option with **both** the speaking and civics trial test.

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TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP UPDATE



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- TESOL has been awarded the contract to facilitate the Technical Advisory Group (TAG).
- The TAG will consist of 10 external Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), selected by the contractor.
 - 5 SMEs from the field of Adult English as a Second Language (ESL), second language acquisition, and assessment design.
 - 5 SMES from the field of U.S. government and civics, American history, and assessment design.

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- TESOL has been awarded the TAG contract and facilitate the selection and onboarding of TAG members.

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THE ROLE OF THE TAG



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The TAG will review and provide recommendations on the:

- Content, structure, and language level of the speaking and multiple-choice trial tests.
- Scoring rubrics and materials for the CBOs and trial test administrators.
- Educational resources for both the speaking and multiple-choice civics trial test.

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- The TAG will review the speaking and multiple-choice trial test before and after the trial test.

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VOLUNTEERING FOR THE TRIAL TEST



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The Office of Citizenship is still seeking nonprofit organizations that are offering adult ESL classes and/or adult citizenship classes to volunteer for the trial tests. Some eligibility requirements to volunteer are listed below. Volunteer organizations must:

- Be a nonprofit with 501(c)3 status;
- Be conducting adult education classes during the trial test period; and
- Incorporate trial test educational materials provided by the Office of Citizenship in their curriculum.

Email natzredesign22@uscis.dhs.gov, by May 31, 2023, if you are interested in volunteering.

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- Nonprofits, Community-colleges, School Districts serving adults, Libraries, are all encouraged to express interest in volunteering
- Online classes may volunteer too. Teachers will need to incorporate the educational materials just like the in-person classes.
- Again, we are still accepting volunteer organizations, but they must email natzredesign22@uscis.dhs.gov, by May 31, 2023. .

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TRIAL TEST EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

SPEAKING TRIAL TEST



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- Community-based organizations will receive trial test educational resources to use in their classes with volunteer trial test takers.
- Educational resources for the speaking trial test include:
 - Practice speaking test prompts.
 - Practice speaking test images on each topic.

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CIVICS TRIAL TEST



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- Educational resources for the multiple-choice civics trial test include:
 - The full bank of multiple-choice civics trial test questions and correct answer choices.
 - Civics and history handouts that outline all of the content on the multiple-choice civics trial test.

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RESOURCES



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- [Naturalization Test Redesign Development 2022](#)
- [Federal Register Notice](#)

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Please visit the links below for additional information.

- **USCIS Naturalization Test Redesign Development 2022 webpage**
- <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship-resource-center/find-study-materials-and-resources/naturalization-test-redesign-development-2022-0>
- **Federal Register Notice: Trial Testing of Redesigned Naturalization Test for Naturalization Applications**
- <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/12/15/2022-27178/trial-testing-of-redesigned-naturalization-test-for-naturalization-applications>

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CLOSING REMARKS



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Thank you for joining today's session.

- To provide additional feedback on the **naturalization test redesign trial testing process**, or **to volunteer for the trial tests**, please email natzredesign22@uscis.dhs.gov, by **May 31, 2023**.
- For additional information on the naturalization test redesign, please visit our website at uscis.gov/citizenship.
- To provide feedback on **today's engagement**, please email public.engagement@uscis.dhs.gov.

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- Thank you for joining us.
- To provide additional feedback on the **naturalization test redesign trial testing process** or for more information or to **volunteer for the trial tests**, please email us at: natzredesign22@uscis.dhs.gov, by May 31.
- To provide additional **feedback the engagement** itself, please email us: public.engagement@uscis.dhs.gov
- As mentioned earlier, this session is part of a series of sessions on the naturalization trial testing process, so please stay tuned and register for the Public Engagement list serv to receive additional updates on future sessions.
- Again, thank you for joining us, and we appreciate your interest in this important topic.

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