



# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

## The Naturalization Test Redesign Trial Test Updates

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- Good afternoon everyone.
- We welcome you to our third 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 150 organizations have volunteered.
- Volunteer organizations:
  - Are located in 30 states and territories.
  - Range in size from a few students to hundreds.
- We are still accepting volunteers.
- To volunteer for the trial tests, please email:  
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- As of March 20, 150 organizations have signed up to volunteer.
- We are still accepting volunteer organizations. Please contact us soon as possible, if you are interested in volunteering.
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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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- The Technical Advisory Group (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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- A contractor will be used to facilitate the TAG, and it will be the contractor who selects the individuals to serve as SMEs on the TAG.
- An individual who wishes to be part of the TAG would have to be selected by the organizations that wins the contract.

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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 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.

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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](mailto:natzredesign22@uscis.dhs.gov), as soon as possible.

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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.
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  - Practice speaking test prompts.
  - Practice speaking test images on each topic.

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# TRIAL TEST EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

## 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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- Educational resources for the multiple-choice civics trial test include:
- The full bank of multiple-choice civics trial test questions and correct answer choices.
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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](mailto:natzredesign22@uscis.dhs.gov).
- For additional information on the naturalization test redesign, please visit our website at [www.uscis.gov/citizenship](http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship).
- To provide feedback on **today's engagement**, please email [public.engagement@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto: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](mailto:natzredesign22@uscis.dhs.gov).
- To provide additional **feedback the engagement** itself, please email us: [public.engagement@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto: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, next month.
- Again, thank you for joining us, and we appreciate your interest in this important topic.

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