PILOT TESTING FREQUENLTY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who should be tested: Pilot testers should be program completers/seniors. Schools should only pilot testing with program completers as the population being pilot tested should be the same as is intended for the final test.

Does pilot tests replace end-of-program post-tests: No, students must fulfill requirements of end-of-program testing as outlined in the Guide to Student Occupational Competency Testing.

Can the performance component be administered by teachers: The same security policies and processes apply for pilot testing as with. So, teachers cannot evaluate performance pilot tests. 3rd party evaluators need to be brought in.

Is there a passing score: NOCTI will provide coordinators with test results for their participants; normative data is not calculated nor provided for pilot test administrations. Pilot test scores are based on the preliminary design of the test, not the final test product; therefore, pilot test scores are for informational purposes only and should **NOT** to be used as a substitute for pre- or post-test scores or for any mandated testing program. For this reason, NOCTI does not set criterion-referenced cut scores for pilot tests.

What do I do with pilot test Books after testing: When schools have completed pilot testing, the test books and all related materials are to be shredded at the school.

If three areas test, does the school receive $100 or $300? The $100 is per school.

Is Text-To-Speech available: Test-To-Speech (TTS) is not an available option for pilot tests. Because each word of the test has to be programmed for TTS, this is the last step in the development process before we release the test for use. Typically, pilot testing results in edits to the test and as TTS is very cumbersome to format we only do so once, right before the test is released.

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