



State ABE Updates

November 2020

Key Updates

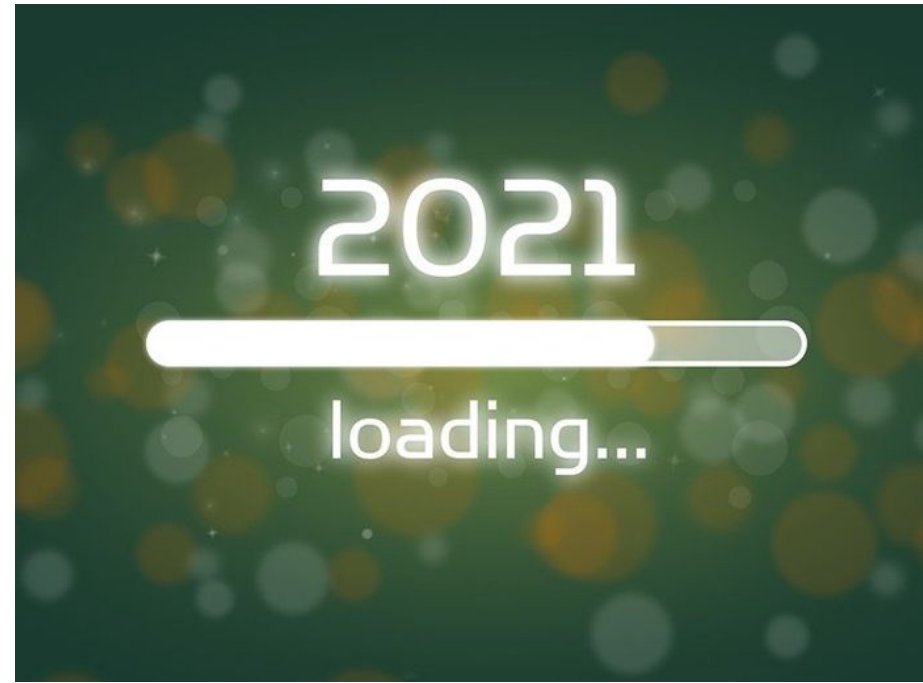
- Contact hours and ABE Funding
- Assessment updates
- High school equivalency updates

Contact Hours and ABE Funding

Contact Hour Reporting for FY22

Contact hours from March 14, 2019 - March 13, 2020 will be used for 2021-2022 ABE funding.

Intent: If total statewide ABE funding remains the same, consortia will get the same amount of funding in fiscal year 2022 as in the current fiscal year.



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MDE Key Message to ABE Programs



- Continue to serve ABE learners as best you can, utilizing all effective methods of communication and instruction, including those that can't be counted for contact hours.
- Focus on serving your learners and your community.
- Record all countable contact hours accurately

Assessment Updates

Extension of NRS Test Approval

Current approved ESL tests are now approved through March 7, 2023.

- CASAS Life and Work
- BEST Plus



The image is a screenshot of a Federal Register notice. At the top left is the National Archives logo. In the center is the text 'FEDERAL REGISTER' with a yellow underline, followed by 'The Daily Journal of the United States Government'. To the right is the seal of the National Archives and Records Administration. Below this is a blue bar with a white 'N' in a circle and the word 'Notice'. The main title of the notice is 'Tests Determined To Be Suitable for Use in the National Reporting System for Adult Education'. At the bottom, it says 'A Notice by the Education Department on 08/07/2020'.

 **FEDERAL REGISTER**
The Daily Journal of the United States Government 

 Notice

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Reminder: COVID-19 Testing Estimate in SiD

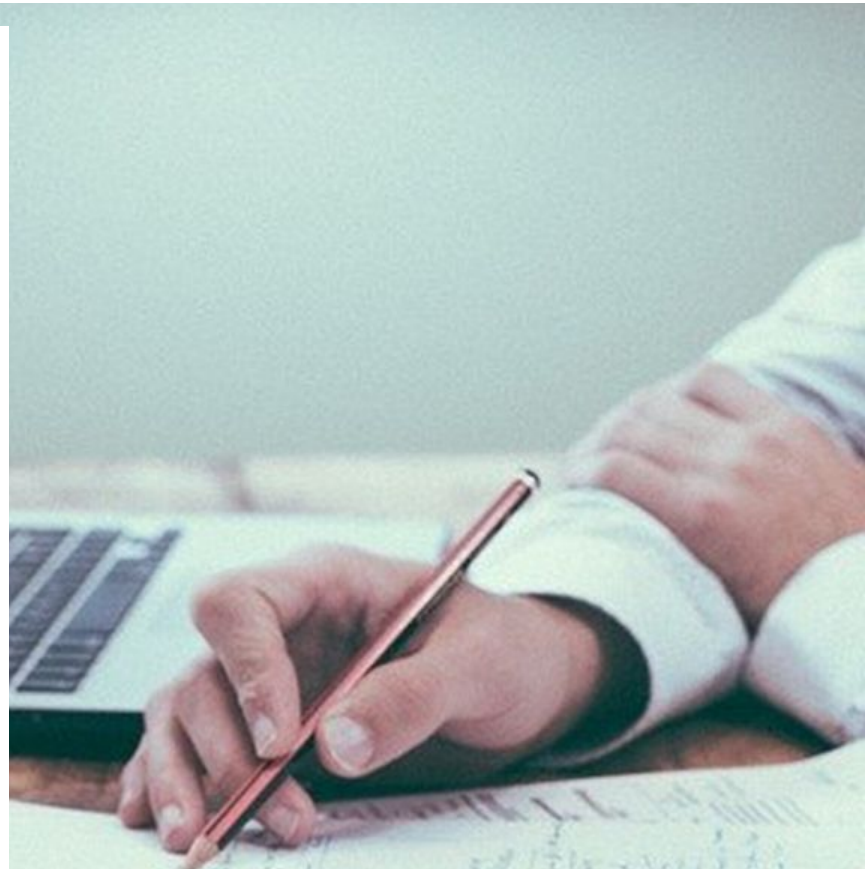
ABE providers can continue to count hours for students even if they are unable to pre-test them.

Use in SiD:

- **COVID ABE EFL Estimate**
- **COVID ESL EFL Estimate**

Determine provisional level, based on informal assessment or teacher judgment, and **enter score 1-6** for provisional level.

For SiD help: support@mnabe.org



Computer-Based TABE/CASAS for MN ABE Programs

More than 25,000 tests will be distributed:

- CASAS GOALS and Life and Work Enhanced eTests
- TABE Online 11/12

Available to ABE consortia that:

- Have trained staff;
- Set up CASAS eTesting and/or DRC/TABE Online accounts; and
- Choose to participate



Distributing Computer-Based TABE/CASAS



- **September Survey/Sign Up:** 33 of 39 consortia chose to receive computer-based tests
- **Round One – November 2020** (50% of tests): The number of tests given to a consortium is based on past testing numbers.
- **Round Two – Winter/Spring 2021** (remaining tests): MDE/SW ABE will announce via email when ABE programs can **request** more tests.

Assessment Professional Development

Minnesota Adult Basic Education
Assessment Training

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CASAS

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Assessment Training all across

Training Adult Basic Education professionals in the art of



- Remember that staff who administer CASAS, TABE and/or BEST Plus assessments need to be certified (and recertified at least once every five years).
- New training modules available for staff wanting to administer computer-based testing and remote testing.

For more information visit the MNABE assessment website
(www.mnabeassessment.com)

Trainings

Instructional Links

SPARC

High School Equivalency Testing

Obtaining GED Records

MN GED records can now be emailed

- Please put email in address on GED Records Request form if you want an electronic version (PDF)

Delay with records sent via U.S. Mail

- Records may take an additional week to be received (should be received within 3-4 weeks)

Delay with OP (Online Proctored GED) test results

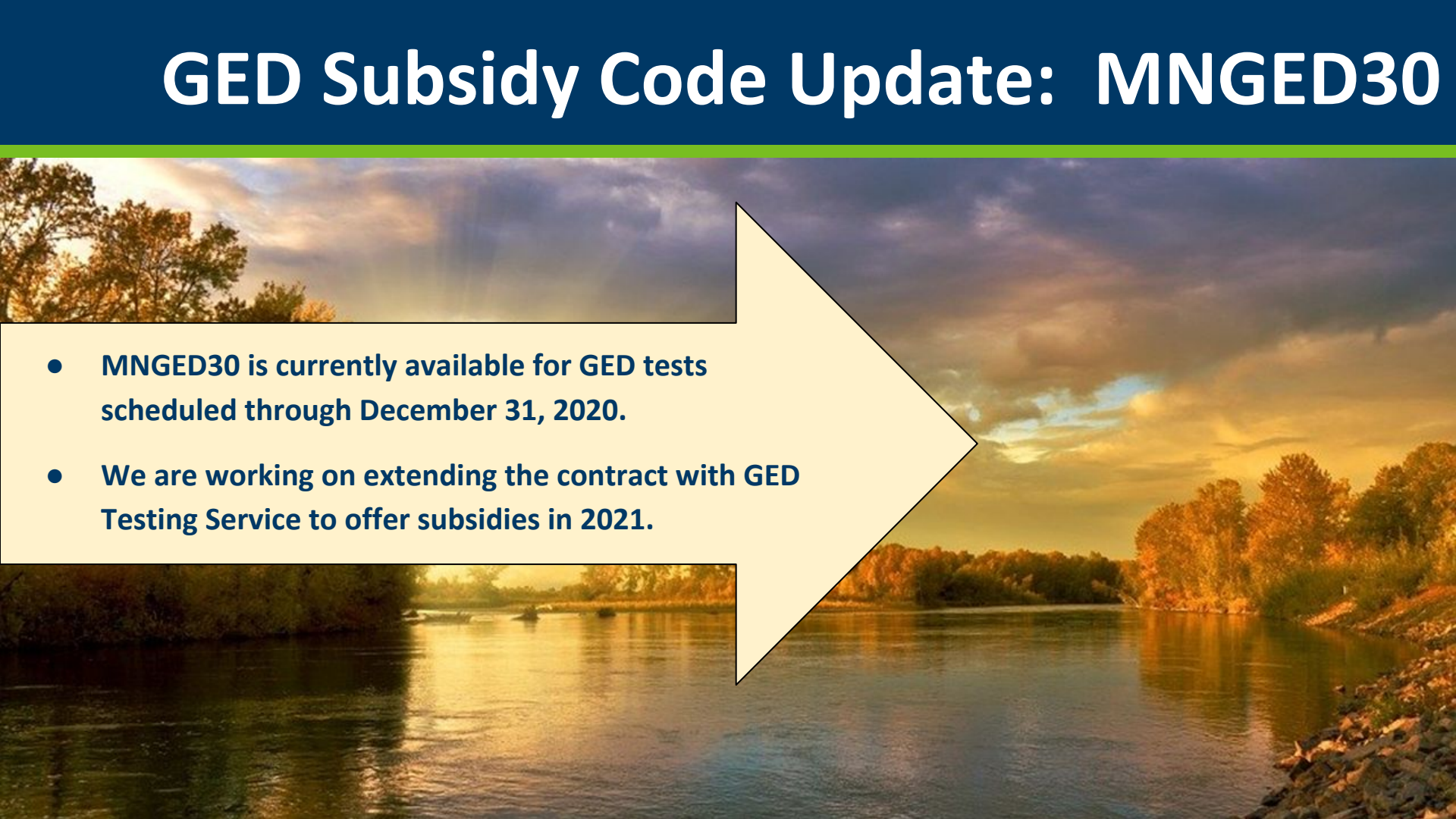
- 1-2 days longer because the test recordings are reviewed

Record requests should be emailed or faxed

- Do not come to MDE to drop off a request or pick up a record. Please email (alice.smith@state.mn.us) or fax (651-582-8458) records requests.



GED Subsidy Code Update: MNGED30

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- **MNGED30 is currently available for GED tests scheduled through December 31, 2020.**
 - **We are working on extending the contract with GED Testing Service to offer subsidies in 2021.**

HiSEAs Competition



Minnesota High School Equivalency Assessments

- Vendor applications submitted and under review
- Great team of reviewers from MDE, DOC and ABE programs
- Anticipated results announced and implemented during 2021.