



## **CTB/McGRAW-HILL'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT FOR ADULT LEARNERS RECEIVES FEDERAL APPROVAL**

### **TABE CLAS-E Now Authorized by U.S. Department of Education's National Reporting System for Adult Education**

**Monterey, Calif. – January 28, 2008** – CTB/McGraw-Hill, the nation's leading provider of PreK – 12 and adult education assessment solutions, today announced that TABE CLAS-E™, its English language proficiency assessment for adult learners, has been approved by the U.S. Department of Education's National Reporting System (NRS) for Adult Education.

The approval of TABE (Tests of Adult Basic Education) CLAS-E (Complete Language Assessment System – English) indicates the assessment system has passed stringent federal accountability standards for learner outcomes and can now be used by any state education agency that receives federal funding through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

“This approval will enable adult education agencies nationwide to have a comprehensive and cohesive system for accurately measuring achievement and improving English skills among adult English language learners,” said Ellen Haley, president, CTB/McGraw-Hill. “TABE CLAS-E's assessment results seamlessly integrate with the overall TABE assessments, providing a direct transition of support for the growing population of adult English language learners who are striving to achieve their educational goals.”

Key features of TABE CLAS-E include:

- **Assessment** - TABE CLAS-E accommodates all English proficiency levels to accurately measure students' Reading, Listening, Writing, and Speaking skills. The optional Speaking test gives teachers maximum flexibility in how they assess their students.
- **Reporting** - TABE CLAS-E delivers number-correct and scale scores for each individual skill area, and for two composite skill areas – Reading/Writing and Listening/Speaking – and for the total battery of assessments. Additional scores include National Reporting System (NRS) proficiency levels, objective mastery scores, and Student Performance Levels (SPLs). TABE CLAS-E makes it quick and easy to pinpoint student strengths and weaknesses, and to demonstrate student gains for NRS reporting.
- **Professional Development** - TABE CLAS-E goes beyond proficiency measurement to help teachers develop targeted instruction. Following student assessment, teachers can tailor instructional programs with the help of TABE CLAS-E's Instructional Guidance materials, including Teachers' Resource Guides, lesson plans, and more. Additionally, video training materials allow efficient group or individual educator training sessions.

TABE CLAS-E is based on the latest research by CTB/McGraw-Hill experts, including thorough analysis of and alignment with state English as a Second Language standards, the Common European Framework, and the Canadian Language Benchmarks 2000 (English as a Second Language-For Adults). The system also utilizes NRS levels for measuring educational gains. TABE

CLAS-E has been validated by a comprehensive field standardization study, encompassing more than 12,000 individuals, both in the United States and internationally.

### **About the TABE Family of Assessments**

TABE CLAS-E is the latest addition to the TABE family of products, the nation's leading adult basic education program comprising a complete and flexible system of diagnostic assessments and instructional support materials to meet the diverse needs of adult students. TABE measures basic reading, mathematics, and language skills, as well as optional spelling, vocabulary and language mechanics tests. TABE has been successfully used by millions of adult students, and has been proven to provide the information educators need to ensure that their adult students will be successful in today's society. TABE is a registered trademark, and TABE CLAS-E is a trademark of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. For more information please visit [www.CTB.com](http://www.CTB.com).

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