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NCCER testing system read aloud options

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Many individuals have a documented need for testing accommodations, such as an Individual Education Plan (IEP), which may include having test questions read aloud. For module test takers with a documented need for a “read aloud” accommodation, NCCER permits the use of read-aloud applications, also sometimes called screen readers. Any test taker using a read-aloud application should use earphones so that other test takers are not disturbed.

PLEASE NOTE THAT READ-ALOUD APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE USED ON NCCER ASSESSMENTS WITHOUT THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF NCCER AND ARE ONLY PERMITTED FOR MODULE TEST DELIVERY. VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY MAY RESULT IN REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATIONS AND/OR REVOCATION OF ACCREDITATION.

Contact NCCER at support@nccer.org (<mailto:support@nccer.org>) for any questions about accommodations for assessment administrations. Existing Software: If your school/organization has a read-aloud application used with other testing or learning platforms, you may be able to use the same application with the NCCER Learning Platform. Device Applications: Many tablets or other devices have a built-in read aloud option that can be applied from the device itself. Follow manufacturer directions to enable these applications. Free Applications: NCCER has found two free applications that you may be able to use:

1. Chrome Vox Classic Extension: This extension specifically works within the Chrome browser to read content aloud. Download here: <https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/screen-reader/kgejglhpjiefppelpmljglcjbhhoiplfn?hl=en> (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/screen-reader/kgejglhpjiefppelpmljglcjbhhoiplfn?hl=en>)

2. NVDA: This program is available for PCs running Microsoft Windows 7 SP1 and later. Download here: <https://www.nvaccess.org/download/> (<https://www.nvaccess.org/download/>)

In person: A certified NCCER instructor or curriculum proctor can read test questions aloud in a one-on-one environment.

1. Tests should only be read aloud by a person who is fluent in the language the test is written.

2. Tests must be read exactly as written. The person reading may not translate, change, alter, or explain the question or answers.

3. Questions cannot be read aloud by another student.

4. The best practice is for the person reading the questions to have no knowledge of the subject being tested to avoid unintentionally helping due to voice inflection, tone, facial expression etc.

NOTE: This information is provided as a courtesy to our network. NCCER is not able to offer user or technical support for any of these applications. You can use a sample test to check if your preferred application is compatible with the NCCER Learning Platform.

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