



# **TABE Tests of Adult Basic Education**

**Adult Education Solutions**



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DRC|CTB is a leader in the development and administration of K–12 and Adult Education assessments, and our portfolio of assessment solutions includes:



LAS Links® is an integrated suite of English and Spanish language proficiency assessments and instructional tools designed to strengthen your English language learning (ELL) program.



*TerraNova®*, *Third Edition* includes tests and assessments that promote student achievement and learning with a full range of research-based standardized achievement tests, reports, and services.



TASC Test Assessing Secondary Completion™ is a state-of-the-art, affordable national high school equivalency assessment that assesses five subject areas: Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.



TABE® remains the most comprehensive and reliable assessment product in the education industry, providing a solid foundation for effectively assessing the skills and knowledge of adult learners.



## TABE Online

### Save time and resources with Tests of Adult Basic Education administered, scored, and analyzed over the Internet

TABE Online is a system that lets you assess and report adult basic education skills at any time using the Internet. It provides you with reliable, skill-level data to screen and place students in training and employment programs or determine readiness for success as tested by High School Equivalency tests. TABE Online includes the Locator, Complete Battery, and Survey tests for TABE 9&10.

#### Find greater flexibility in assessment delivery

You can give online tests to a single student or an entire group. The online system automatically scores the assessments and immediately generates reports so you will have a clear picture of skill levels.

#### Gain more dynamic reporting

With easy-to-read reports, you get immediate information to support important instructional and training decisions. You'll be able to:

- Compile test results on any demographic group to meet federal and state reporting requirements
- Export data files and create your own custom reports, charts, and graphs, or you can simply manage data within the TABE Online System
- Report on National Reporting System-level gains, and norm- and criterion-referenced information

#### Features of TABE Online

TABE Online makes it easy to schedule and manage testing, no matter what your needs are:

- Auto Locator—TABE Online Locator Test gives you the choice of automatically scheduling and assigning students for the appropriate subsequent tests, or letting you control the final decision with its guidance
- Untimed test option—You can turn off the test timer for individual students or use the time and a half option
- Reports—TABE Online enables you to generate reports quickly and easily 24/7 by aggregating data within any node in the hierarchy
- Improved Accommodation Profile functionality—You have the option to adjust font color/size and background color of test questions and answers to accommodate a student's testing needs

### TABE Testlets

TABE Testlets are short, optional tests that can be completed in about 45 minutes. Their innovative item types have been built from the ground up and are fully aligned to the College and Career Readiness Standards. Available to any student who has taken a TABE Online assessment, Testlets can be used as practice for high school equivalency assessments. Best of all, TABE Testlets are free! TABE Testlets are automatically released into your account at no charge with the purchase of TABE Online.\*

#### TABE Testlets Reports

- TABE Testlets will report at the domain level, so adult educators will receive insight into a range of College and Career Readiness Standards areas.
- Since College and Career Readiness Standards may consist of more than one activity, some items may be worth more than one point. Scores from TABE Testlets will therefore consist of a "points correct" score.

\*Windows® operating systems are currently required, with OSX to follow.

Assess adults for placement in education, training, or employment programs and determine readiness for High School Equivalency tests

Levels: 4 (E, M, D, A)

TABE Online includes:

The Locator, Complete Battery, and Survey tests for TABE 9&10

#### Features

- A complete online system with automatic updates
- Immediate test results to inform instruction and training decisions
- An integrated assessment and reporting system that includes Locator Test, Complete Battery, and Survey editions
- Rapid registration that automatically updates student history and registers students for testing
- Completely secure test administration and data storage



## TABE 9&10

### Assess skills in reading, mathematics computation, applied mathematics, language, vocabulary, language mechanics, and spelling

Use TABE to evaluate the reading, mathematics, and language skill levels of your students or trainees. The results will help you place each person in the appropriate instructional or training program and track progress toward success. Tests are focused on key factors required for vocational training programs and most often demanded by employers. Engaging and relevant test questions focus on items encountered in daily life, such as paychecks, bills, and advertisements. TABE comes in a variety of lengths, levels, forms, and formats to fit your assessment needs and goals. A wide range of accommodation materials is also available to help you evaluate the skills of adults with special needs.

#### Quickly determine appropriate test level

Use the brief Locator Test to help you select the most appropriate of five test levels for each student. The levels are:

Level	Content Grade Range
L (Limited literacy)	0–1.9
E (Easy)	2.0–3.9
M (Medium)	4.0–5.9
D (Difficult)	6.0–8.9
A (Advanced)	9.0–12.9

#### Select from two types of tests

The Complete Battery edition provides detailed statistics on skill mastery and is available in five levels (L, E, M, D, and A) and two forms (9&10). Tests cover reading, mathematics computation, applied mathematics, and language. Vocabulary, language mechanics, and spelling tests are optional.

The shorter Survey includes the same tests and offers similar information to the Complete Battery. It is available in four levels (E, M, D, and A) and two forms (9 and 10), and yields Total Reading, Total Mathematics, Total Language, and Total Battery scores. Alternating the use of two parallel forms, 9 and 10, helps to ensure valid results when retesting students.

#### Make informed placement and hiring decisions

TABE is an excellent tool that assists you in making important decisions about eligibility for academic programs and employment. It also serves as an effective screening tool when used in conjunction with information from other sources, such as interviews, transcripts, and references.

#### Pre-and post-tests

Compare pre- and post-tests to determine growth using TABE scale scores. These scores describe student achievement on a numeric continuum that includes a range of grades. Whether you use Form 9 or Form 10, the comparable scores provide an accurate picture of student achievement.

#### Scoring and Computer-Based Testing

TABE can be hand-scored or scored locally with TestMate TABE software. In addition to its paper-and-pencil format, TABE can be administered on a Windows-based computer using TABE-PC, or over the Internet using TABE Online.

To help you use TABE most effectively in your program, you will have access to information on links and correlations between TABE and other tests. These materials include studies linking TABE 9&10 to GED® (2002) Tests and current National Reporting System (NRS) requirements. You may also find frequently asked questions, a glossary of assessment terms, and other helpful information on the TABE website, [CTB.com/TABE](http://CTB.com/TABE).

Assess basic skills in reading, mathematics, language, vocabulary, language mechanics, and spelling

Levels: 5 (L, E, M, D, A)

Forms: 2 (9 & 10)

Length: Complete Battery—  
195 items, 2 hours,  
29 minutes

Survey—100 items,  
1 hour, 30 minutes

#### Features

- Tests of educational achievement
- Flexible components, including a Word List and Locator Test, Complete Battery, and Survey editions
- Detailed diagnostics
- A Survey edition for use in quick diagnosis and screening
- Two forms allow you to pre- and post-test for an accurate picture of student achievement
- Multiple levels include pre-literacy





## Building Skills with TABE

### Support instruction and learning with eight comprehensive student workbooks

Each in this series of eight student workbooks is packed with interesting and engaging practice exercises to help your students master the skills assessed by TABE. Content augments classroom instruction and offers students more practice in the topics covered by TABE assessments. With TABE Individual Diagnostic Profiles as a starting point, you can use these workbooks to create a personalized study plan for each student.

#### Each workbook offers:

- A personal study plan for each student
- An explanation of how to build each basic skill covered by TABE
- Poetry and drama content in the Reading section (Level A)
- Three objectives in the Applied Mathematics section
- Practice items
- Completed item samples, with correct and incorrect answers explained
- Examples of real-life applications of skills
- Helpful test-taking tips and learning reminders

You can use *Building Skills with TABE* workbooks in two ways: as consumable books that allow students to write their answers in the book, or with optional answer sheets that allow the workbooks to be reused.



**Build TABE skills and increase student confidence with practice questions**

**Levels: 4 (E, M, D, A)**

**Reading, Language, and Spelling**

**Math Computation and Applied Mathematics**

#### Features

- Ideas and methods to help your students focus on skill areas that need improvement
- Real-life examples of the skills measured by TABE
- Individual study guides



## TABE Complete Language Assessment System—English

### Enhance learning of English-language skills for your adult students

TABE Complete Language Assessment System—English (TABE CLAS—E) is a coordinated system of assessments, instructional support, and staff development materials. It provides you with the resources to assess the language proficiency of adult English language learners in the areas of reading, listening, writing, and speaking. Scores are linked to TABE 9&10, which helps ease your students' transition into adult basic education programs.

The items and passages in TABE CLAS—E focus on workplace, community, and education contexts that are practical and familiar and that will motivate adult learners. The TABE CLAS—E items are aligned with the NRS English as a Second Language (ESL) Educational Functioning Level Descriptors, Student Performance Levels, and several state standards for English language proficiency. TABE CLAS—E makes it easy for you to pinpoint student strengths and areas of opportunity and to demonstrate student gains for NRS reporting purposes.

#### Monitor student progress

Use the Locator Test to determine the appropriate assessment level for your students. Then use TABE CLAS—E scale scores to monitor students' progress through pre- and post-testing.

#### TABE CLAS—E score reports

TABE CLAS—E can be scored locally with TestMate TABE software. Get a complete picture of the skill level and progress of your students with these score reports:

- **Individual Student Report**
- **Item Analysis Report**
- **Pre- and Post-Test Report**
- **Prescriptive Report**
- **Group List Report**
- **Assessment Summary Report**
- **Rank List Report**

#### Enhance your skills

*The Teacher's Resource Guide, Volume 1* provides guidance and information to support the assessment system, including ESL methodology, items illustrating content, and strategies for interpreting and using score results. The Staff Development Workbook and accompanying DVD or VHS tape are designed for individual or group training sessions. The workbook is an invaluable instructional tool containing sample test items, practice activities for scoring tests, and self-check quizzes on administration procedures.

#### Promote quality instruction

*The Teacher's Resource Guide, Volume 2* can be used to target instruction for each student. Engaging and easy-to-follow lesson plans provide focused language practice in work and community situations. With TABE CLAS—E, you can help your adult English language learners achieve success in and beyond the classroom.

Accurately and reliably evaluate the English-language skills and instructional needs of adult students

Levels: 4 (1, 2, 3, and 4)

Forms: 2 (A and B)

Length: Reading, Listening, and Writing—  
75 items, 92 minutes  
Speaking—  
16 items, 15 minutes

#### Features

- TABE CLAS—E has been awarded 7-year approval by the U.S. Department of Education's National Reporting System for Adult Education
- Optional Locator Test for accurate initial placement
- Easy computer-based local scoring
- Proven, research-based test questions
- Scale score, NRS ESL scores, and Student Performance Levels
- Links to instructional materials
- Alignment to key adult education ESL standards
- Instructional staff guidance materials designed for classes with learners at different proficiency levels
- Interactive staff development DVD for individual or group training sessions





## TABE-PC 9&10

### Save time with software that automates administration, scoring, and reporting of TABE

Save your time and energy for your students with TABE-PC. TABE-PC software enables you to quickly and easily administer, score, and report TABE test results for one student or a group on your Windows-based computer. TABE-PC administers TABE 9&10 tests, including the Locator, Survey, Complete Battery, and TABE Advanced-Level Tests.

#### With TABE-PC, you can:

- Orient test-takers with a computer-based tutorial
- Locate and administer the most appropriate test level
- Report results using a variety of useful scores, including raw “number correct” scores, scale scores, and norm-referenced scores, such as percentile ranking and grade equivalents
- Score test results rapidly and accurately
- Measure student progress with pre- and post-tests
- Utilize diagnostic information that provides a profile of each student’s strong skills and areas of opportunity
- Use popular TABE-PC features, such as the student tutorial section and the ability to scramble distractors for added test security

Automate TABE administration, scoring, and reporting

- Forms: TABE 9&10
- TABE Advanced-Level Tests
  - TABE Work-Related Assessments
  - TABE Español

#### Features

- Computer-administered delivery
- Immediate scoring
- Shared database with TestMate TABE for ease in merging student data
- Pre- and post-test administration tracking



## TABE Professional Development

### Building Solutions to Improve Instructor Effectiveness and Adult Student Achievement

Professional Development for TABE includes introductory-level workshops offered on site and online.

- Learn the key features and functionality along with capabilities for administrators, instructors, and examinees.
- Discuss practices needed for implementation including scheduling tests, registration, and instruction for preparing individuals to take the test.
- Understand how to create and access reports and general test management.
- Explore a hands-on component to the TABE workshops that allow participants to learn basic test management as demonstrated by the instructor.

Make TABE Professional Development materials a part of your training and support library to upgrade existing instructor skills and train new staff. TABE professional development materials are now available to train test administrators, proctors, and support staff. We offer complete sets of training and reference materials for administering, scoring, and using TABE. This series helps you administer and understand TABE and link results to instruction in your adult education program.

The TABE Teacher’s Guide documentation provides sample instructional materials and test items, item objectives, curriculum explanations, and correlations to various national curricula. Use assessment results to inform classroom instruction, with the *TABE Teacher’s Guide DVD: Reading, Language, and Mathematics*.

*A Guide to Administering TABE 9&10* is also available.

Additional tools to help teachers link test results to instruction

Formats: On Site, Online, Video, and Print


#### Features

- A complete set of reference materials for planning, administering, scoring, and reporting TABE assessments
- A Teacher’s Guide DVD for reading, language and mathematics that include sample items, lesson plans, and instructional activities to link results back to classroom activities
- On Site and Online courses that fit your schedule

To schedule training or to order TABE Professional Development tools, call DRC|CTB Customer Service at **800.538.9547**.

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