

STEC ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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Test Lists

The pre-16 and post-16 test lists have been updated to include new tests reviewed this year and further clarification of some points in the FAQs. The updated lists will be uploaded to the SASC website with all changes highlighted.

Test reviews

A number of tests have been reviewed but did not meet the criteria for inclusion on the list. The most common reason for not approving a test is insufficient data about standardisation, leading to concerns about the validity and reliability of the test results.

The decision was made to withdraw the Wide Range Intelligence Test (WRIT) from the list in view of its age, now that a number of other intelligence or cognitive processing tests are available to Specialist Teacher Assessors. The date for withdrawal is 1 January 2026. Assessors will have 12 months grace from this date to cease using the test and choose alternatives.

The following tests were reviewed and approved:

Cognitive Assessment System (2nd Edition) (CAS2)
Reynolds Intelligence Assessment Tool (2nd Edition) (RIAS2)
Tests of Dyslexia (TOD)
Wide Range Assessment of Memory and Learning (3rd Edition) (WRAML3)
Detailed Assessment of Speed of Handwriting (2nd Edition) (DASH2)

Queries about tests and guidance

STEC continues to assist SASC with responding to queries about tests. STEC committee members have continued to contribute to the ongoing discussions and consultations relating to SASC's "Guidance on the identification of and effective intervention for literacy difficulties in children and adults. Implications for the assessment of dyslexia" and SASC's Dyscalculia Working Group.

Committee Members

Rachel Simpson has retired from the Chair and the committee. Louise van der Valk has taken on the role of Chair.

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