

Digital and Remote Assessment Webinar

Questions & Answers

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The following are some of the frequently asked questions (and answers) that followed the presentation.

Q: What happens if the internet times out during a timed test like the RAIT or the TOGRA?

A: PARiConnect is an internet-based platform; its usability is a function of the bandwidth between your device and the servers that house PARiConnect. Conducting an assessment on PARiConnect requires a continuous internet connection. If this connection is lost or interrupted during administration, responses completed up to that point are stored. When you restart the administration, you will be routed to the point in the assessment where the connection was lost. However, timing occurs using PAR's server and will continue even if the web browser has closed. If the browser is closed during administration of a timed test, timing will continue to 0. In this case, the examinee would have to retake the test.

Because certain subtests on the RAIT are timed, interruptions during administration of a particular subtest may invalidate the administration and scoring of that specific subtest. Interruptions or breaks that occur between subtests, however, are likely inconsequential to the validity of the administration. For an assessment like the TOGRA, you may want to use the option to "Cancel" the test and administer the alternative form instead.

Q: Who can serve as a proctor for an assessment

A: It is always recommended to have a qualified individual proctoring an on-screen assessment to ensure the validity of the responses and the security of your data on the testing device. Different assessments have varying requirements for who might be an appropriate proctor. For high-stakes assessments, like intelligence testing, we recommend using a qualified proctor. During remote assessment, the examiner can serve as the proctor. Use of a parent who may be invested in the results is generally not advised. However, for a test like the TOGRA, a qualified proctor, teacher, or administrator can administer, making it a viable option for use in human resources and related industrial settings.



Q: Where can I find out more information about the RIST-2/RIAS-2 Remote?

A: The PowerPoint® presentation from the webinar with Cecil Reynolds, PhD, is on the PAR Training Portal. It is listed as "Supplemental Materials: What We Need to Know from Intelligence Tests and How Best to Obtain it: The RIAS-2." Also available on the PAR Training Portal is a video on how to use the RIST-2/RIAS-2 Remote via the Zoom platform.

The RIAS-2 Remote and RIST-2 Remote consist of minimally modified test materials that allow you to assess individuals when you're apart via your videoconferencing platform. The RIAS-2 and RIST-2 In-Person e-Stimulus Books are convenient and more hygienic alternatives to paper stimulus books and are designed to be used via tablet during face-to-face administration. The digital versions are equivalent to the traditional paper-and-pencil version, established via an equivalency study. This means users can trust the results obtained using the digital versions, as they are just as reliable as those obtained using the paper-and-pencil version.

Q: Can you provide a link to the list you provided of necessary items/procedures before starting administration?

A: Please click <u>here</u> to access the "Getting Ready for Your Remote Appointment." Click <u>here</u> for additional guidelines and administration procedures for select PAR digital and remote assessments.

Q: Are there any remotely administered academic achievement tests available through PAR?

A: No, not at this time.



Q: Do these assessments need to be used with a particular videoconferencing platform?

A: We do not recommend any one particular videoconferencing platform, but instead recommend that you determine which platform works best for your district or practice. Technical support personnel may be able to point you in a direction if you are not already using a specific platform. You want to ensure that the platform you choose is HIPAA compliant and has screen sharing capabilities. The ability to implement remote control during screen sharing is necessary to remotely proctor most performance-based assessment tools such as the RAIT, the TOGRA, the WCST, and the IGT2. The ability for the client to use drawing tools on the device during screen sharing is necessary to remotely administer the RIAS-2/RIST-2 Remote version.

Q: Where can I view the remote proctoring video shown during the webinar?

A: Please click <u>here</u> to access a brief demonstration video showing how you can use a video sharing platform like Zoom along with PARiConnect's "Onscreen Administration" feature for remote proctoring.

Q: Can you talk a little bit more about the e-stimulus books available through PAR?

A: Additional information regarding e-stimulus books is available here. For certain assessments, PAR offers different e-stimulus books for in-person vs. remote administrations. PAR Digital Stimulus Books are provided in our e-manual format and are protected by Adobe DRM. Please note that the protection will prohibit printing and copying any portion of the contents. To view the stimulus book on your Windows or Mac computer, iPad, or Android tablet, you will need to install a compatible DRM reader, such as Adobe Digital Editions.



Q: How do we find a catalog of available assessment tools to use with PARiConnect?

A: Please click here to view products available on PARiConnect, sorted by category.

Q: Can you please send the slides?

A: The presentation slides are located on the PAR Training Portal. A link will also be sent with the post-webinar survey and certificate of attendance.

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