



WebXam Update

2026 – 2027



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Who We Are



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IT & WebXam Service Delivery
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CETE's Role



Platform Management:
Develops and administers assessments through the trademarked WebXam™ test-delivery platform.



Expert Recruitment:
Recruits subject-matter experts to ensure technical accuracy.



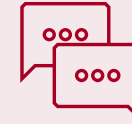
Collaborative Development:
Works with ODEW to develop Career-Technical Education (CTE) assessments.



Item Development:
Creates and manages specific test items.



Assessment Design:
Designs tests based on established content standards.



Standard Setting:
Determines "cut scores" (passing thresholds) for assessments.



Support Services:
Provides training and technical support to educators.



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Today's Agenda



**Test Delivery,
Development and
Recruitment**



**Test Blueprints and the
Blueprint Survey**



**WebXam Information
and Updates**



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Test Delivery, Development & Recruiting



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Tests Delivered 2025-2026

338,865

EOC Tests



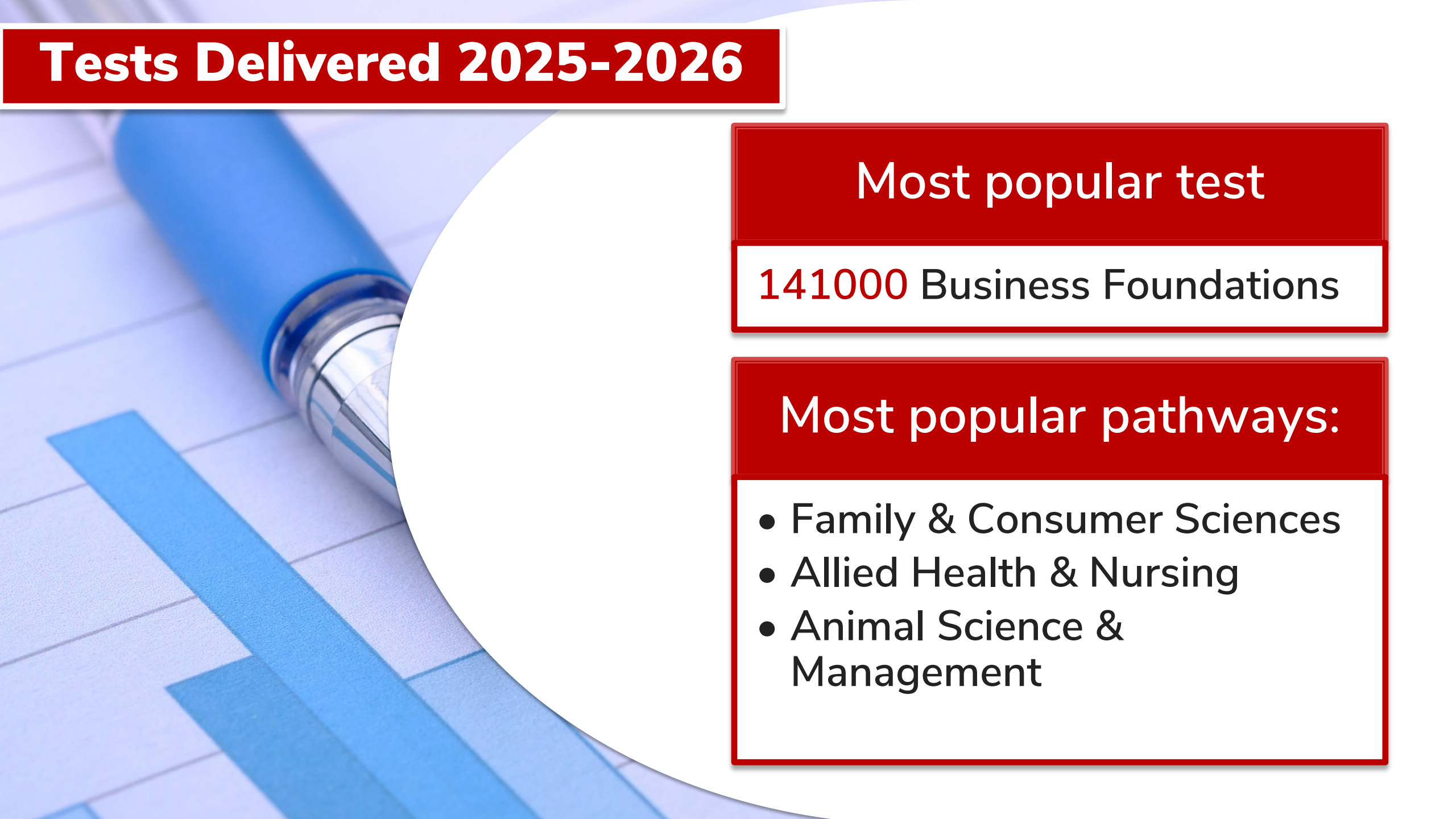
120,751

Pre-tests



459,616

Tests Delivered



Tests Delivered 2025-2026

Most popular test

141000 Business Foundations

Most popular pathways:

- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Allied Health & Nursing
- Animal Science & Management

Support & Training



2,000+ email requests,
phone calls, & trouble
tickets resolved



Test Development

3,047

new items written

1,160
items

in **Engineering & Science Technologies**
across **11** courses

1,887
items

in **Manufacturing Technologies** across
20 courses

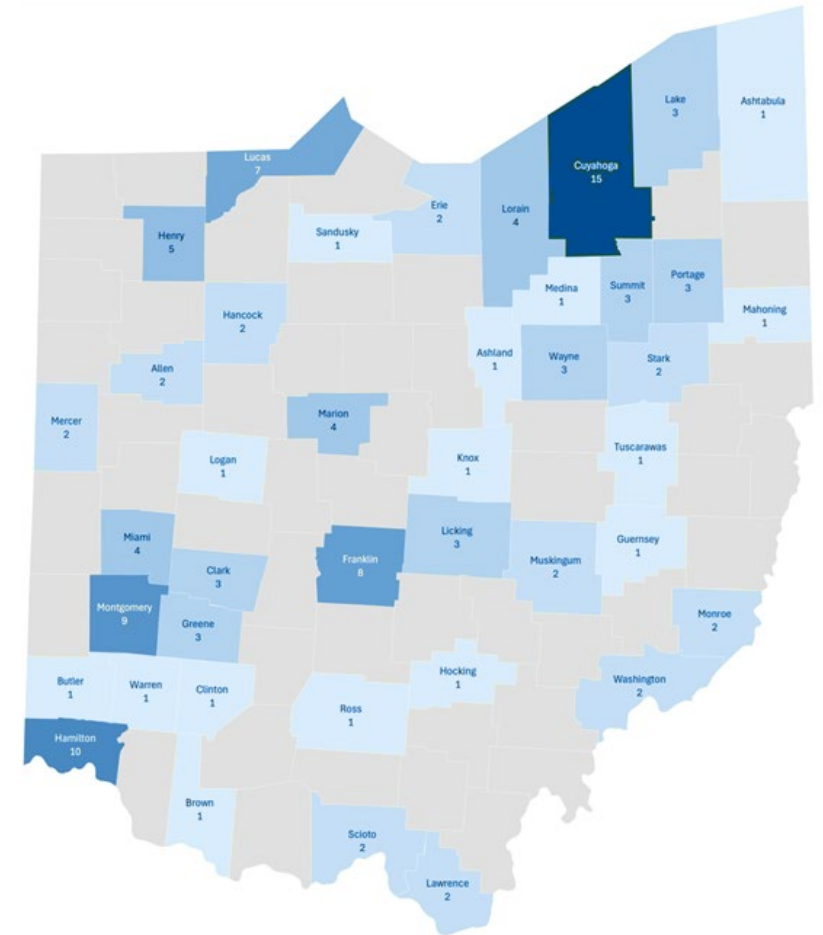
Item Writers



127 SMEs from
42 of Ohio's 88
counties



78% secondary instructors
21% postsecondary instructors
1% from industry





Help Us Make New Tests

Law & Public Safety Education & Training

- recruiting instructors to participate in item-writing workshops
- go.osu.edu/TTPinterestform



Made by Teachers



CETE invites current teachers to item writing workshops



Split into small groups and create items w/ trained facilitator



Reconvene and review all items created, refining based on group consensus



Test Blueprints



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Blueprint

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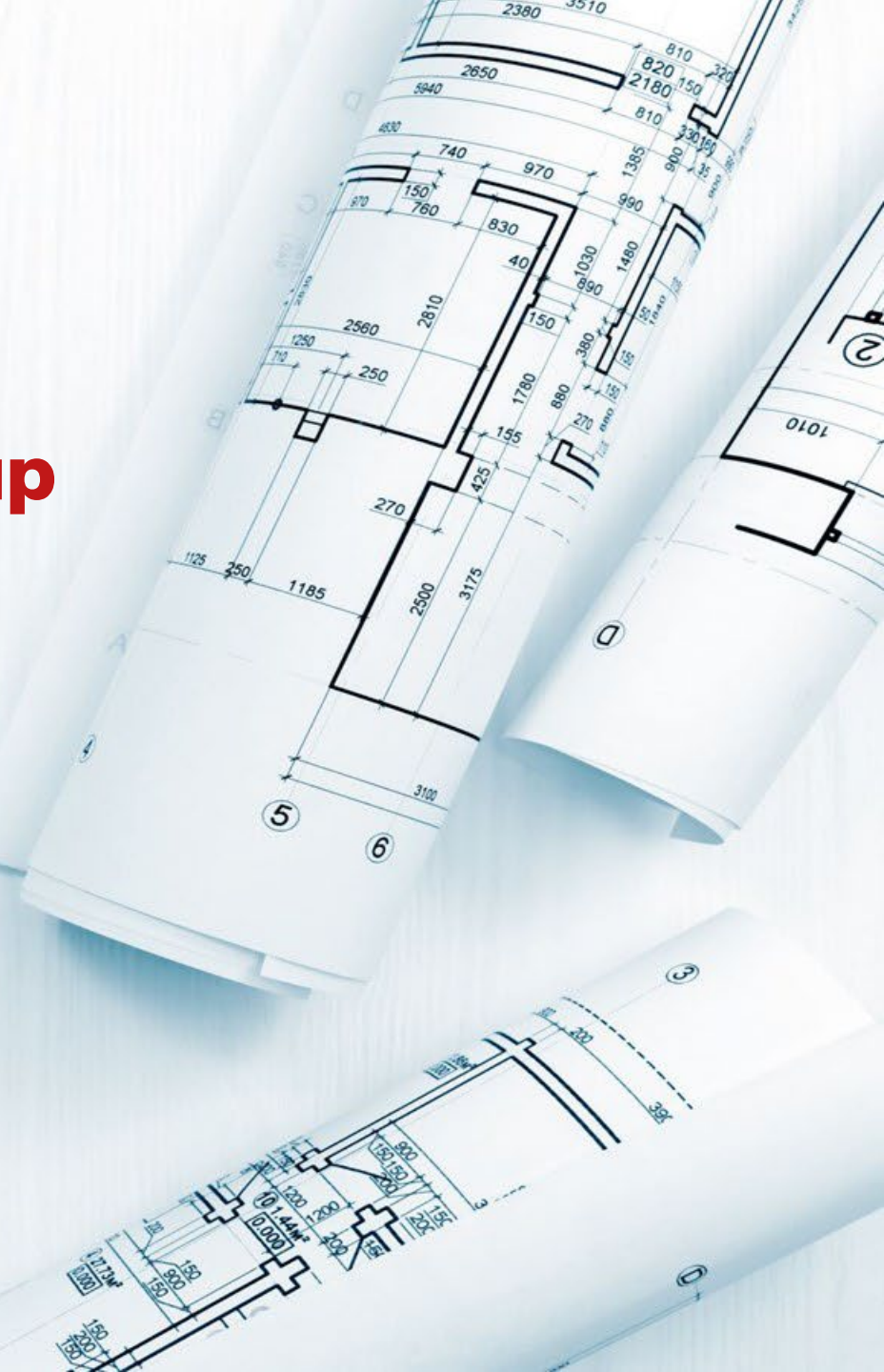
Blueprint



Complete **online blueprint sign up form** to join survey mailing list
QR code below

Sign Up Form

[GO.OSU.EDU/WEBXAM_BLUEPRINT_SURVEY_FORM](https://go.osu.edu/webxam_blueprint_survey_form)



Blueprint

of
items

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Teacher
Importance
Ratings



Suitable for
MC Ratings



ODEW & ODHE
Requirements



Blueprint Survey

Why Take the Blueprint Survey?

- We don't write questions to less important outcomes
- Same method as certification & certificate organizations
- Easiest way for instructors to impact test content
- More survey responses = more precise blueprint





WebXam Info and Updates



Richard Huggins
Systems Developer/Engineer

WebXam Updates 2026-2027



**Testing Calendar &
Field Testing**



**New Teacher
Learning Modules**



**CTAGS & Program
Updates**



Text-to-Speech



**New Test Admin &
Proctoring Rules**



Testing Reminders



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Field Testing

Engineering & Science Technologies and Manufacturing

- **NO pretesting** for Engineering & Manufacturing courses for the 2026–2027 school year
- All Engineering & Manufacturing tests are in **field testing** this school year (2026-2027)



Field Testing

- ◉ Live field test for new item banks in October
- ◉ Students will take approximately **100 test questions** instead of 40
- ◉ You must test students **before field testing closes in APRIL**



Field Testing

Students **may require additional time**

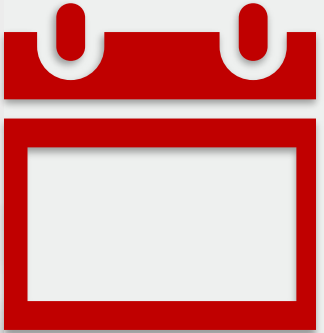
Work with your district to arrange **a longer period for testing**



Testing Calendar

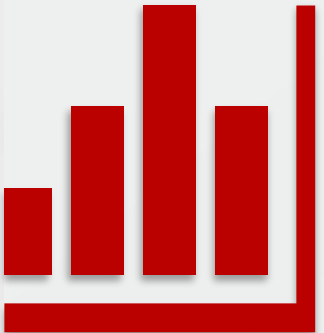


Important Dates



Field Finalization (Target)

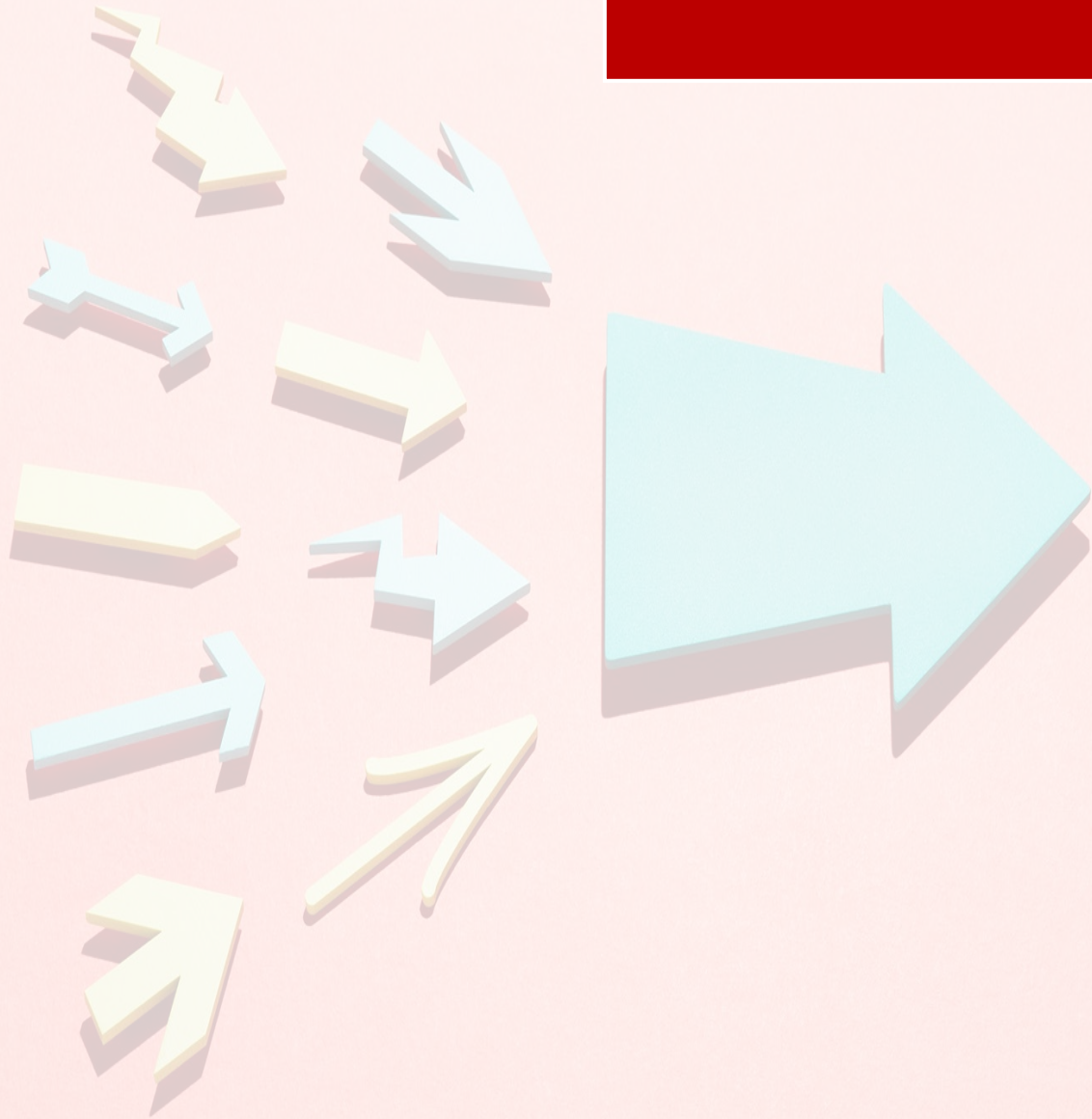
5/3/2027



EOY Reports (Target)

6/11/2027

Important Dates



Target for Field Testing Finalization

- Date by which all field tests will be finalized
- Retake period for graduating students opens for field tests.
- Preliminary reporting made available through ITCs



Pretesting Changes

- ◉ New pretests for:
 - ◉ IT
 - ◉ Arts & Communication
- ◉ Available for all but:
 - ◉ Engineering
 - ◉ Manufacturing

Upcoming Resources

Online Learning Modules

- CETE offering FREE learning modules this year
- Self-paced, online, on-demand
- Approximately 30 minutes each
- Receive certificate for PD credit documentation if you pass post-module assessment

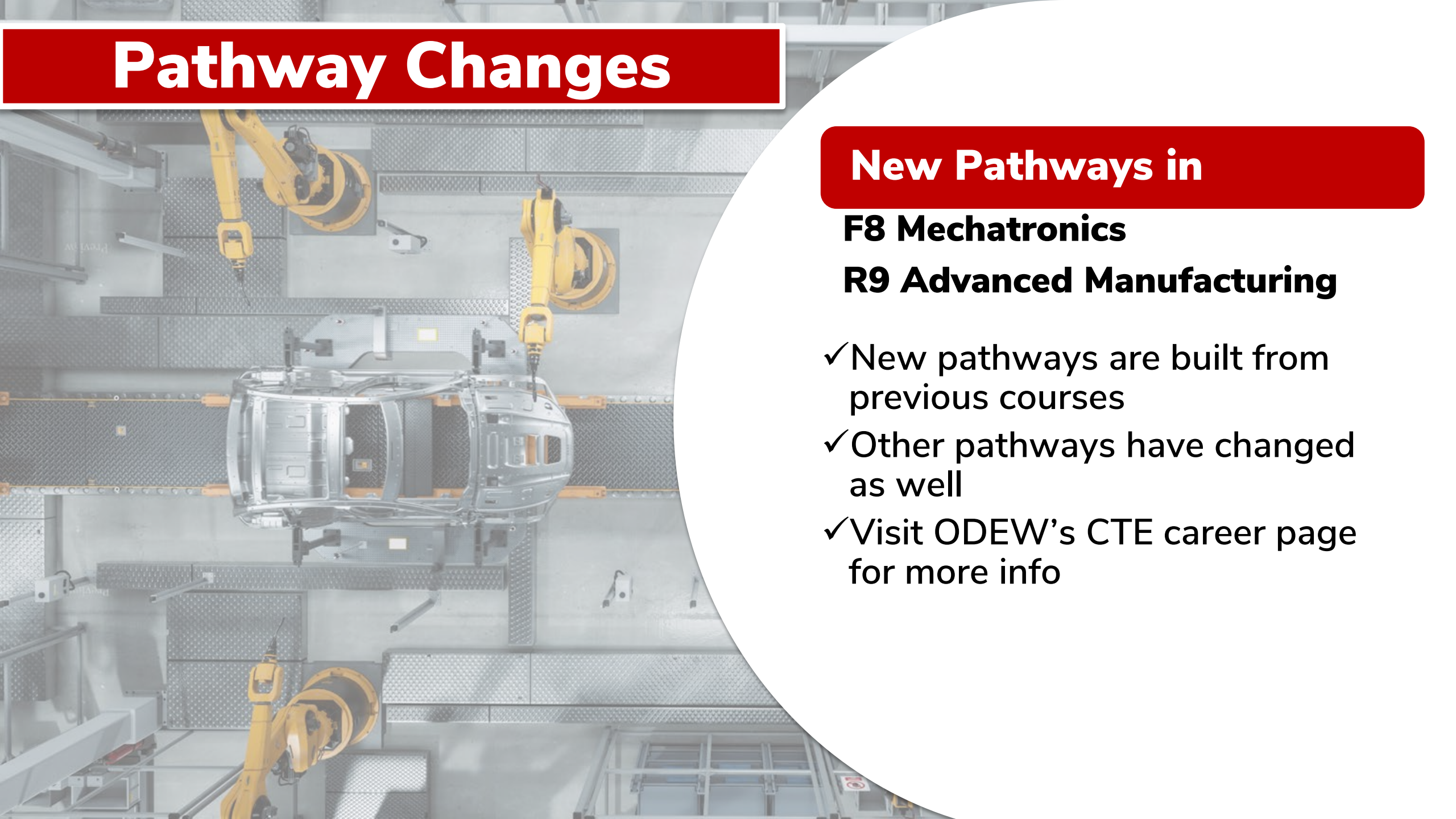
Available at
RESOURCES.WEBXAM.ORG

CTAG Reminders

- Use the CTAG Testing and Assent Report to check if students approved sharing with Ohio Public Colleges and Universities to which the student has applied
- Activation sessions for students to update agreements as needed
- Ensure EMIS reporting for graduating students is done in a timely manner



Pathway Changes

A grayscale photograph of a car body on an assembly line. Three yellow robotic arms are visible, positioned around the car. The background shows industrial machinery and a factory floor.

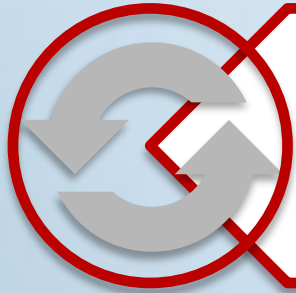
New Pathways in

F8 Mechatronics

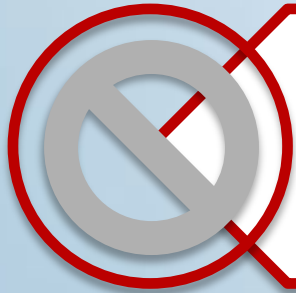
R9 Advanced Manufacturing

- ✓ New pathways are built from previous courses
- ✓ Other pathways have changed as well
- ✓ Visit ODEW's CTE career page for more info

Retake Policy



Can't take assessment more than **2x a year**



Typically requires a **minimum of 30 days** of remediation



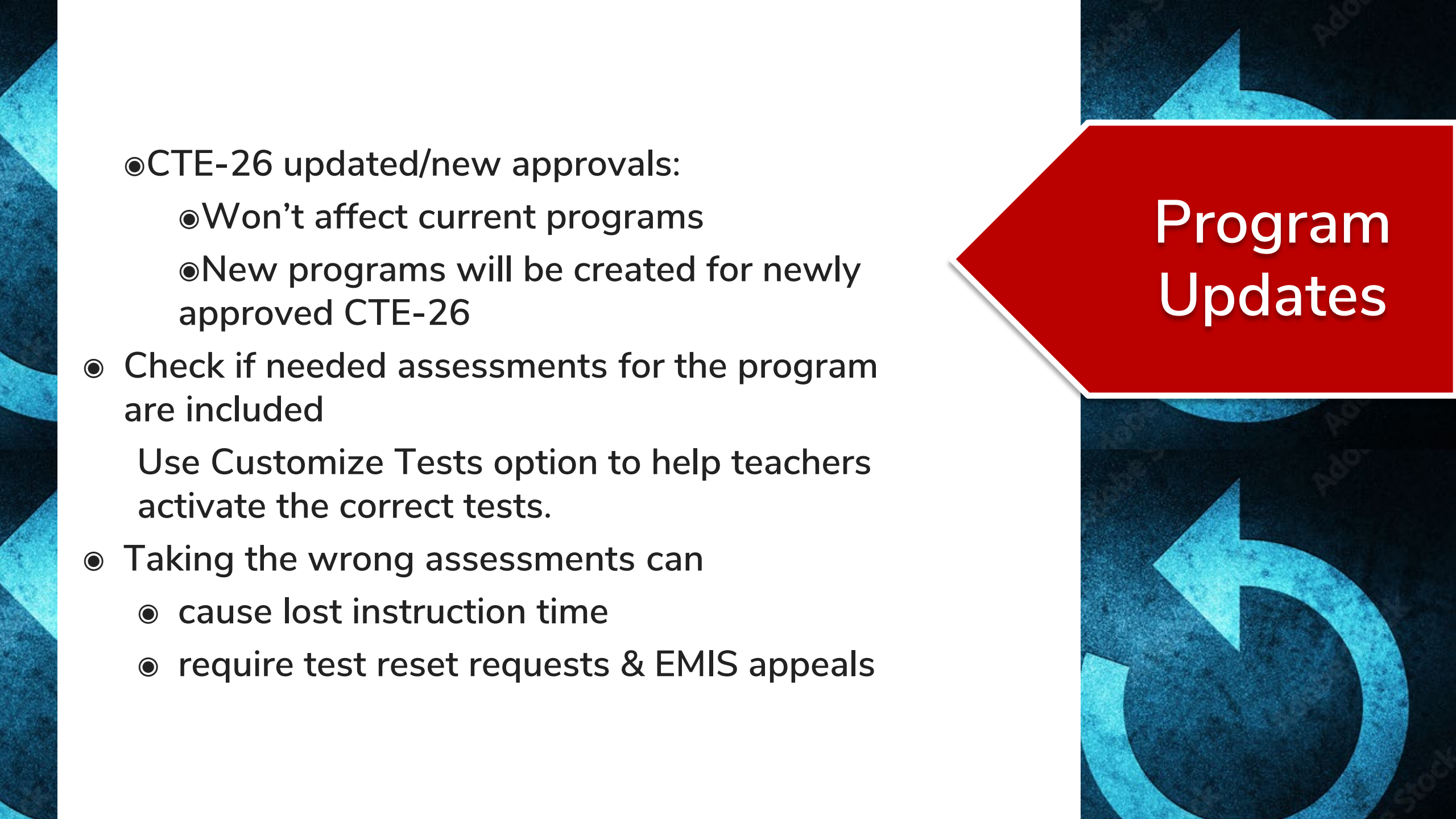
See ODEW website for latest retake policy

Field Test Retakes

Special Rules for Retakes in Field Testing

- **MUST** participate in field testing before the **APRIL DEADLINE**
- **1ST attempt:** During field testing (Oct-April)
- **2nd attempt:** After forms finalization (May)
- Check to see if your students passed on **May 3** then retest by **May 28** this year





Program Updates

- CTE-26 updated/new approvals:
 - Won't affect current programs
 - New programs will be created for newly approved CTE-26
- Check if needed assessments for the program are included
 - Use Customize Tests option to help teachers activate the correct tests.
- Taking the wrong assessments can
 - cause lost instruction time
 - require test reset requests & EMIS appeals

Activation Start Time ▼

The activation window for this session will begin when you click the activate button below. You can schedule your activation windows to open at a later date/time by using the options below. You can schedule the activation window to start up to 7 days in advance. Your activation window is the time frame during which students must begin testing. It is not related to how much time test-takers will have once they start the assessment.

Start Time7/16/25 10:08 AM

End Time7/16/25 11:08 AM

Text-to-Speech ▲

Select the Students

Show entries tagged

All



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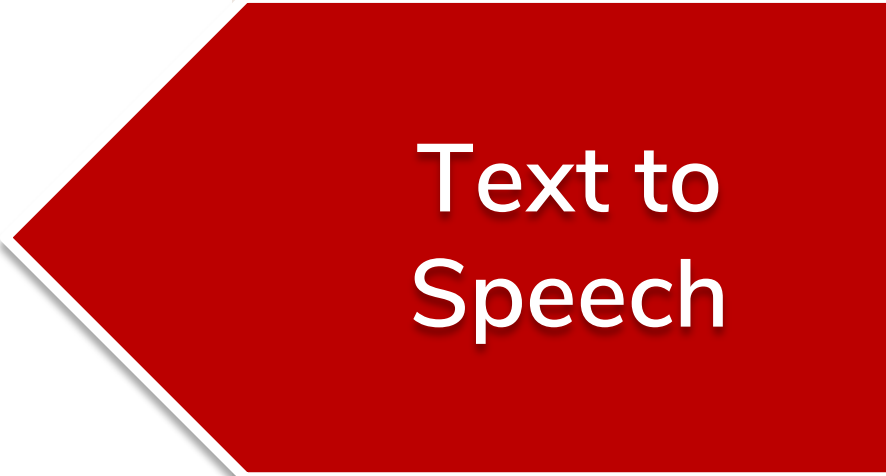
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End Time7/16/25 11:10 AM

Text-to-Speech ▼

☒ Students in this Testing Session may use the Text-to-Speech feature without requiring an accommodation.

Only enable this option if all students have headphones available, such as in a testing center. Enabling this feature in a classroom may cause disruptions. Enabling this option will not effect users with TTS already enabled through an Accommodation.



Text-to-Speech

- A new option is available when activating assessment sessions
- Users may enable Test-to-Speech for all test takers in the session
- Please only do so if the testing environment supports it



Students adjust of the text-to-speech speed using **GEAR** icon in WebXam

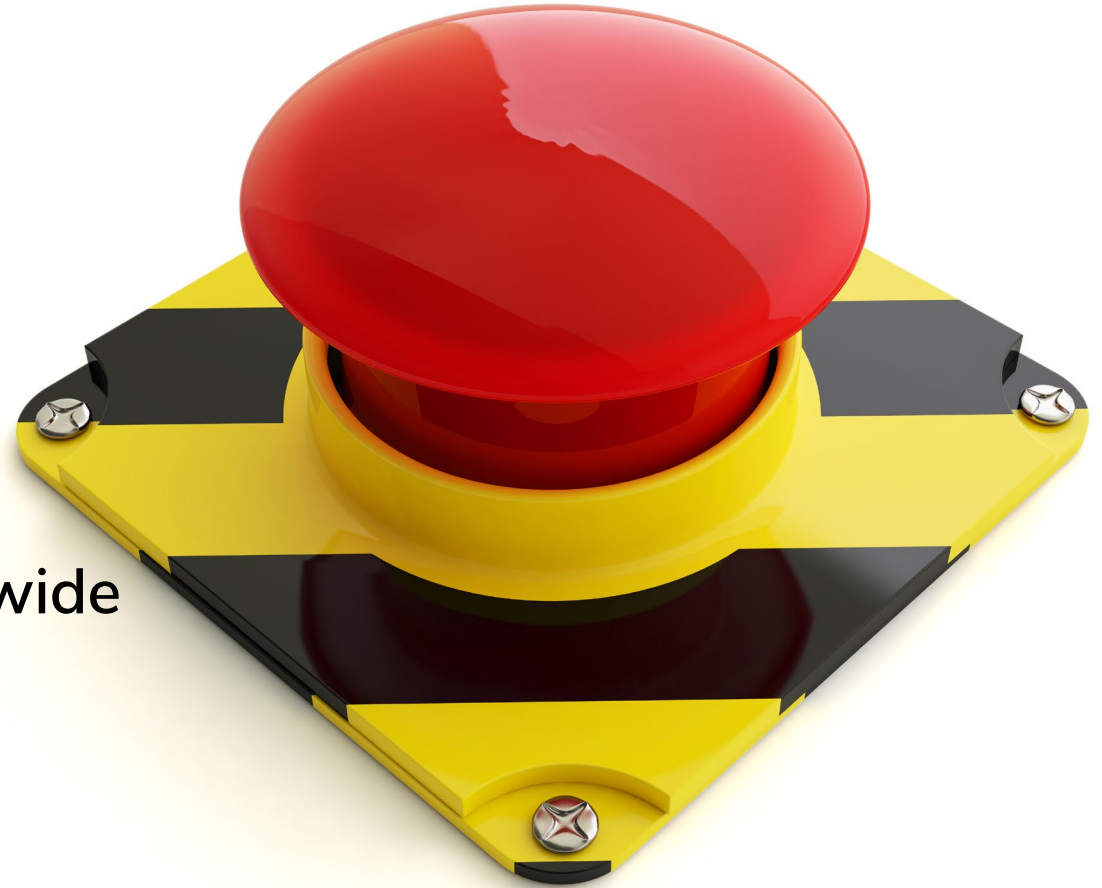
Test Security Rulebook Change

The Change

- Scientific calculator may be available in WebXam testing interface

Built-in calculator

- WebXam will provide built-in scientific calculator
- Integrated into the interface
- Likely be calculator used on other Statewide Assessments



New Proctoring Handbook

- Combines information from across the WebXam Documentation into a single handbook
- Includes information for Before, During and After Testing
- WebXam.org/Public/Proctoring
- Linked to from our main documentation as well

Preparation Tools

New Practice Tests

- New practice tests for Energy Career Area Pathways

Available Year-round

- Practice tests now available to teachers year-round
- Still available for students during the post-testing window only



Reminders

- Field testing
 - Engineering & Science Technology
 - Manufacturing
- **NO PRETESTING for these career fields**
- **LONGER TESTS**
- **TESTING CLOSES EARLY (April)**
Please remind your associate schools



Test Security Rulebook

- WebXam.org/Public/TestSecurityRuleBook

WebXam Newsletter

- WebXam has a monthly newsletter with announcements, reminders, & other info
- Make sure you and your teachers are signed up to receive this email!
- Engineering and Manufacturing in Field Testing – so **NO PRETESTS**
- Pretesting for all other career fields opens **AUGUST 12**

Next Steps



THANK YOU

Questions | Comments



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Check-in by scanning this QR code, or by entering **77WJ** at events.ohioacte.org/my-pass

Questions?