



# WDE Assessment Updates

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## PAWS Timing Survey

As we close this year's administration of PAWS, WDE assessment staff would like to collect some general estimations of the time allocated for each testing section. Please forward the link below to your test administrators; having feedback on this year's assessment will help us plan for the testing times for next year's administration of the PAWS. We will close the window on this survey on April 17, 2013, so please encourage your test administrators to submit a response as soon as possible.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D68QHHV>

## Shipping Materials

**Important Reminder:** Today (April 5) is the last day of PAWS and PAWS-ALT testing. PAWS test materials must be shipped back to ETS no later than April 9 and ALT materials no later than April 11. If you have any questions regarding return shipping, or if you experience any problems with arranging your UPS pick-up, then please call Wyoming Support at [1-877-327-9415](tel:1-877-327-9415) for assistance.

## SAWS-ALT Assessment Window Opens April 15, 2013

All students who participated in the PAWS-ALT need to take the SAWS-ALT. (unless they were exempt from the PAWS-ALT)

SAWS-ALT Administration: The ziptrain modules covered both the PAWS-ALT & SAWS-ALT. If the same people will be administering the SAWS-ALT, then no additional training is required. If a new person will be administering the SAWS-ALT, then the training is still available via this web link: [wy.ziptrain.com/](http://wy.ziptrain.com/).

We had a few schools that did not have the same students registered for the SAWS-ALT as the PAWS-ALT. ETS (the vendor) has taken care to include enough materials for most of those students based on who participated in the PAWS-ALT. Please check both the TOMS system and your materials when they arrive to verify you have received enough materials. It is the schools responsibility to call ETS and get additional materials if necessary.

## Exemptions - WDE 673

If your school/district has already sent an exemption form to WDE then you do not need to send another one. The approval or denial covers the 2013 state assessment programs. If a new issue arises, then you may send in another exemption form.

As always, please feel free to call Pari Swanson at 307-777-5292 or Stephen Marsh at 307-777-3498 or email [pari.swanson@wyo.gov](mailto:pari.swanson@wyo.gov) or [stephen.marsh@wyo.gov](mailto:stephen.marsh@wyo.gov) for additional help.

## Important Upcoming Dates:

- NOW -- [ACT Plus Writing Training is posted](#)
  - ◆ [Standard Time Room Supervisor/Proctor Training Webcast](#)
  - ◆ [Accommodations Room Supervisor/Proctor Training Webcast](#)
- [EXPLORE and PLAN Administration Training is posted](#)
- PAWS and PAWS-ALT Windows Close
- April 8 -- MAP Window Opens
- April 15 -- SAWS-ALT Window Opens
- April 22 -- SAWS Window Opens
- EXPLORE and PLAN Windows Open
- April 23 -- ACT Plus Writing
- April 24 -- WorkKeys