

Examiners ~ Frequently Asked Questions



WAIS[®] 5^{CDN}
Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale[®]
FIFTH EDITION – CANADIAN

WAIS 5^{CDN} Standardization Study

Am I eligible to participate as an examiner?

To participate in the WAIS 5^{CDN} standardization study, we require that examiners be professionals working (or training) in the fields of psychology, education, or a closely related field. Most of our examiners are registered with a government body and/or professional association/governing body (e.g., The College of Alberta Psychologists) which ensures that credentials are up to date. For those who are not registered with one of these accepted associations, additional documentation must be submitted to sign up as an examiner (e.g., proof of employment).

Examiners may also be supervised graduate- or postgraduate-level students (usually in their second year or beyond) pursuing degrees in psychology, special education, psychometrics, or related fields. If you are unsure of your eligibility to participate as an examiner, we encourage you to reach out to the Research team directly via the contact information provided at the bottom of this document.

What will my role be as an examiner?

WAIS 5^{CDN} examiners will be responsible for recruiting participants aged 16 to 90 residing in Canada and administering the standardized version of the WAIS 5^{CDN} to these participants. You can recruit through your personal and/or professional networks (e.g., friends, neighbours, extended family, colleagues). As an examiner, you will ensure that the participant is eligible for the study (based on inclusion/exclusion criteria, age, etc.) and that the test is administered correctly and in a standardized manner.

Examiners will receive all necessary test materials from Pearson and will be responsible for returning the remaining materials to Pearson at the end of the study. All test sessions are scheduled by you and can be conducted at the time and location of your choosing (and in consultation with the Participant) during the study period.

The Research Team sometimes has participants that have signed up to participate in the study independently (i.e., with no specific examiner connection) and we look for examiners in their region to administer the test. Examiners who are interested in doing so may also be asked to test participants that have been recruited by Pearson directly; in these cases, the Research Team will put you in contact with the Participant to determine the testing time and location. Testing Pearson-recruited participants is optional.

Where does the test administrations take place?

Participants will attend evaluation sessions in person, as the test requires a standardized paper format conducted face-to-face, allowing for observation of responses and the sharing of materials. The location is up to you and the Participant. We recommend a mutually convenient meeting place such as a community centre or library, the Participant's home, or a space in your office or clinic; it is imperative that the test is conducted in a location that is quiet and free from distractions.

Do I need to pay for a test kit and/or are there other out-of-pocket expenses?

Pearson will provide each Examiner with a WAIS 5^{CDN} Standardization Kit at no cost to you, which includes all necessary training and testing materials. In addition, Pearson will provide you with prepaid mailing envelopes/shipping slips so you can return completed cases with no out-of-pocket expenses.

What support/resources will I have as an examiner?

Examiners will have access to the Pearson Research Team throughout the study. Examiners will be paired with a designated Research Team member to provide one-on-one, customized training and support throughout the study. All communications and exchanges between examiners and the Pearson research team will be conducted via email or phone. No in-person examiner training/feedback presence is required.

The Research Team will answer any questions regarding the WAIS 5^{CDN} and provide additional support if needed, including providing any additional materials throughout the study. Examiners will also have access to the Study Dashboard where they can find additional documents, training resources, study updates, and important forms. The Study Dashboard will be the primary contact point and main way to access important documents throughout the study.

How will I be compensated for my work as an examiner?

For each test case that is submitted, examiners will receive a payment by direct deposit.

Are participants paid?

Yes, study participants will be compensated for their participation directly from Pearson with a digital gift card. You are not required, as the examiner, to issue or distribute any participant payments.

What is the study schedule/timeline?

We hope to launch our data collection this summer and expect the study to continue throughout 2025 into early 2026. If you register as an examiner, you are not required to participate for the entire duration of the study.

If you have any additional questions about participation in this study, please contact the Research Team, available weekdays from 9am–4:30pm EST, via email (research.canada@pearson.com) or phone (+1 (647) 245 6067).