

Assessment Rescores and Verifications Process for OAA, OGT and OTELA

Districts may request a rescore or verification for the Spring OAA and the Spring, Summer and Fall OGT. They may only request a verification for the OTELA and the Fall OAA. Districts will need to access the Test Information Distribution Engine, TIDE, (www.oh tide.org) system to enter the request. You will need a valid username and password to log into the system. For OAA, OGT or OTELA, the first step to enter a rescore/verification request is to click [Create Appeals] on the TIDE home page. Note the additional details below for each specific test.

OGT

If a home district is creating a request for a student that tested at a Joint Vocational School District, the district test coordinator (DTC) must click the “home district” radio button and search by the student’s Statewide Student Identifier (SSID). Purchase orders (POs) for OGT rescors and verifications should be payable to Data Recognition (DRC) and faxed to 1.866.377.1249 or mailed to Ohio Customer Service, Data Recognition Corporation, 13490 Bass Lake Road, Maple Grove, MN 55311.

OAA

Purchase orders (POs) for OAA rescors (spring only) and verifications should be payable to Pearson and mailed to the following address: Pearson, 2510 North Dodge Street, Iowa City, IA 52245.

OTELA – verification only

Purchase orders for OTELA verifications should be payable to the American Institutes for Research (AIR) and faxed to 614-220-9012 or mailed to AIR, 41 S. High Street, Suite 2425, Columbus, OH 43215.

General information for all three tests:

Requests for rescors will be subject to Ohio Department of Education (ODE) approval. There is a \$25 charge for each verification request. There is a \$25 charge for processing rescore request unless the rescore results in a score change. The purchase order number is required for each rescore and verification submission.

The DTC will be notified via e-mail that the results are available. Note that results will not be posted until the district’s purchase order is received. The DTC can access the results through TIDE by clicking [Appeals]. Printed results will not be sent to the district. A rescore or verification decision cannot be appealed.

The Ohio Online Assessment Reporting System (OOARS) will be updated at the end of the rescore/verification window if there is a change in a student’s OAA or OGT score after a rescore, but new score reports will not be printed and shipped by the test vendor.

No OGT information will be updated in OOARS based on a verification request. Districts may request an update to student demographic information based on OAA and OTELA verification results by submitting a Demographic Update Request Form (DURF) in the TIDE system. However, new score reports will not be printed and shipped by the test vendor.

OOARS and the state Education Management Information System (EMIS) are **NOT** linked. Districts are responsible for reporting their results to EMIS. Therefore, if a district knows that a student's name is misspelled or that a student mistakenly answered some questions in a subject the student had already passed (OGT), the district can simply correct this information before it is reported to EMIS. With the policy of charging \$25 for each verification request, districts should keep in mind that there is no reason to submit a request if the district knows what the response will be.