

Dear CESB Members and Constituents,

As discussed at the 2022 CESB Annual Meeting in Arlington, VA March 15th, CESB recently engaged with a Psychometrician to provide further guidance on Standards 4e and 4g. These results were shared with the membership and questions were addressed at the Annual Meeting and at a webinar held after the meeting with the psychometrician. At this time, the CESB Executive Committee would like to propose the below updates to the current Standards to align with the recommendations from the psychometrician. The changes will be formally voted on at the 2023 CESB Annual Meeting in Arlington, VA March 14, 2023. We do ask that if you have any comments to the proposed changes, you please notify the CESB Office at office@cesb.org by December 1, 2022.

4e Guideline:

Current Wording of Standard 4e: Assure that evaluations used are both reliable and valid measures of each individual's capabilities.

Current COMMENTARY: Reliable evaluation methods are those that can equitably and effectively evaluate the range of candidates considered for certification vis-à-vis the body of knowledge on which the certification is based. Valid evaluation methods are those that effectively measure the candidate's capabilities relevant to the body of knowledge on which the certification is based.

Suggested Text for Standard 4e: *Assure that evaluations yield valid measures of competence to practice.*

Suggested Text for COMMENTARY 4e: *Valid measures require evidence that standardize procedures were employed to establish the assessment's design, specifications, administration, scoring, and intended use of outcomes.*

4g Guideline:

Current Wording for Standard 4g: Set pass/fail scores for any examination used with procedures that are consistent with generally accepted psychometric principles.

Suggested Text for Standard 4g: *Establish performance standards that are grounded in generally accepted psychometric principles and are consistent with the design of and intended use of a target assessment tool or program.*

Suggested COMMENTARY for 4g: *The methodology used to establish a performance standard must be appropriate for the design of the assessment tool or program and should yield evidence of replicability and precision at the resulting cut score.*

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the CESB Office at office@cesb.org

-CESB Executive Committee