

PERMITTED USER LICENSE AGREEMENT

[VALIDITY TEST V1_4]

PLEASE READ THESE PERMITTED USER LICENSE TERMS OF USE FOR VALIDITY TESTING CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE VALIDITY TEST V1_4. THESE PERMITTED USER LICENSE AGREEMENT TERMS OF USE AND PRIVACY POLICY GOVERN YOUR USE OF THE VALIDITY TEST V1_4 LOCATED AT [HTTPS://TARAN.TOWESPRIME.COM](https://TARAN.TOWESPRIME.COM). THIS AGREEMENT IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT <http://www.towes.com>.

TEST TAKER MUST READ AND AGREE TO THIS PERMITTED USER LICENSE AGREEMENT. AGREEMENT IS ASSUMED ONCE THE TEST TAKER PROCEEDS ONTO THE VALIDITY TEST V1_4.

IF TEST TAKER DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE PERMITTED USER LICENSE AGREEMENT, THEY SHOULD NOT PROCEED TO COMPLETE THE VALIDITY TEST V1_4.

SECTION 1: PROJECT OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE OF THE VALIDITY TEST

The Validity Test V1_4 (“Test”) is a new web-based tool that will measure important literacy skills needed for work and life in Canada. These skills include Reading Text, Using Documents and Numeracy.

By completing the Test you are helping to provide valuable information (“Data”) used to ensure the Test is fair and accurate for all test takers. Your Data, along with the Data from hundreds of other participants in the Test, will be analyzed to make final versions of the Test (the “Purpose”). This process is called validation.

Each question in the Test represents typical tasks we encounter at work and in daily life. Each question evaluates a specific skill (reading, document use or numeracy) and some questions are more difficult than others.

The Test is also an opportunity to gather valuable feedback needed to improve the usability of the Test and system. All Test items represent generic work and daily life contexts.

Test items included in the Test have not been subjected to a formal psychometric review. The purpose of this validity test is to gather data on the items so that they can be reviewed. For this reason, it is not possible to produce valid, reliable score reports. Therefore, score reports will not be issued.

Your participation in the Test is voluntary. You may withdraw at any time. There are no known direct negative consequences for test taker participation. Your participation is important and we encourage you to complete the entire Test and provide feedback to the best of your ability.

SECTION 2: BASIC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in the Test, you must fulfill the following requirements prior to continuing:

- Basic computer skills. Example: the ability to type a few letters and numbers on a key board, and navigate using a mouse.
- Not suffering from any disability that may impair the perception of lines or shapes, or that hinders the ability to look at a computer monitor for an extended period of time.
- Do not require an American Sign Language translator to complete a web-based test.
- Have, or can create, a valid email address that may be accessed regularly.

SECTION 3: GRANTING CONSENT

A. Consent to Releasing Results and Data

The test taker hereby consents and agrees to allow authorized researchers representing **Bow Valley College/TOWES** and **Test Administrator(s)** (who may include employees, contractors, agents and others for whom either Bow Valley College/TOWES or the organization with whom your Test Administrator is affiliated) to have access, use and disclose the following Data for the purposes described below:

- i. Any of your Data collected through the Demographic Questionnaire accompanying the Test, your responses to the test questions, as well as the score reports generated from your Test will be compiled and used by Bow Valley College/TOWES and third parties authorized by Bow Valley College/TOWES for research and product development purposes only in a non-individually identifiable form , and
- ii. Name and personal contact information that would allow you to be individually identified will only be used for the purpose of releasing a generic completion report to your Test Administrator.

Any Data collected during the Test will never be disclosed to any third party in a way that would individually identify test takers.

B. Additional Consent and Agreement

The test taker acknowledges and agrees to the following:

- they understand the Purpose for completing the Test
- they had their questions about the Test answered
- they understand the possible harms and benefits of the Test were addressed
- they may withdraw from participation in the Test at any time without consequence
- they may respond to any or all questions on the Test
- they are free to ask questions about the project now or in the future

SECTION 4: ADDITIONAL NOTES

The Test is a research project only.

Test takers may contact their Test Administrator(s) for a copy of this Agreement. This agreement is also available at www.towes.com.

Further information about the Validity Testing project can be answered by your Test Administrator(s) or TOWES at (403) 410-3200, prime@bowvalleycollege.ca.

Requests to remove personal data from any or all components of the Validity Test V1_4 must be made in writing and sent by registered mail to:

Bow Valley College, TOWES Department, 345 6th Avenue S.E., Calgary AB, T2G 4V1