

STEC ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

Aims for 2024-2025

- To review new and updated tests when relevant
- To write and publish guidance on tests that have been added to the lists
- To update the test list annually for publication in June.
- To continue working with SASC on updating guidance on aspects of selecting and using tests within diagnostic assessments.

Test Lists

The pre-16 and post-16 test lists have now been amalgamated into one list and aligned to the 2025 Report format. This test list aims to provide people with helpful guidance into the tests and subtests which can be used to cover different areas of the report. This work has been ongoing throughout the year and has involved substantial work on the part of the committee, with the need for additional meetings in discuss test constructs and to map tests onto the different areas of the report. This has been challenging work particularly with the introduction of new areas of the report and identifying tests that will cover these areas.

This work has also included removing tests from the test list that were too old and also tests that did not meet the criteria laid out in the new report format. STEC plans to publish a list of tests removed.

In the new test list we have also indicated if a test may be considered for removal in May 2026 due to its age. This will be dependent upon whether alternatives are available.

Tests and test reviews

- Over the last year Guidance has been written and updated for DASH-2.
- TOD – STEC was involved in discussions with the test developers about concerns about the number of Americanisms, with additional materials/guidance being published by the test developers.
- Discussions have taken place and are ongoing on reviewing WJV when it is available.
- The Basic Number Screening Test 5 has been reviewed with Guidance being written.

Queries about tests and guidance

STEC continues to assist SASC with responding to queries about tests.

STEC committee members have been on the Maths difficulties committee and on the 2025 Report Writing committee

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June 2025