On Demand Testing Build 98 release details

Release Information

Application: On Demand Testing School Server Software

Release number: Build 98 upgrade

Release Date: 6 February 2017

Note: It is strongly recommended that schools upgrade their On Demand program before testing commences in 2017.

What has changed?

- The On Demand Assessment program has been updated to reference the new Victorian Curriculum.

- Schools will not have access to new tests from the VCAA Central Server until the School Server is upgraded to Build 98.

- This upgrade will not impact functionality of the On Demand application.

- The Build 98 upgrade will deactivate the AusVELS Curriculum and existing AusVELS tests on the school server, however, existing students' AusVELS results and reports will remain available after the update.

- As with previous new curriculum updates, changes have been made to the placement of content relative to the Victorian Curriculum.

- Following the recalibration of the English item bank, students may obtain a result similar to, or slightly lower than, their last round of On Demand testing using AusVELS calibrated tests.

- The VCAA will be monitoring the performance of the On Demand tests and will further check the calibration of the system mid-year.

- To assist On Demand users to effectively interpret and act on the data reported in the On Demand system, it is recommended that teachers draw conclusions from multiple sources of evidence in combination.

- 30 Item Tests for Mathematics – Statistics and Probability are available in this release.

- There are no linear tests in this release. A range of realigned linear test will be made available later in 2017.

- Supporting documentation regarding the new On Demand tests and interpreting reported outcomes can be found on
http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/prep10/ondemand/docodownload.aspx

Important Notes for Build 98 upgrade

- There is no change to software functionality in this upgrade.

- Schools must be on Build 97 to run this upgrade and access the new tests aligned to the Victorian Currriculum.

- If your school is not currently on Build 97, contact the On Demand helpdesk to upgrade to Build 97 first, before running this Build 98 upgrade. Details about the Build 97 release can be found at
http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/ondemand/OnDemandBuild97ReleaseNotes.pdf

- Access to tests from the Central Server is only available to schools that have completed the upgrade.

- Schools will be required to download the new On Demand Tests configured for the Victorian Curriculum after the update has been run.

How to get Build 98 upgrade

For Government Schools:

- See your school technician for installation of Build 98.

For Non-Government Schools:

- The Build 98 package and instructions are available via a secure FTP site. Details for access to these files have been emailed to your school. Alternatively details can be obtained via the helpdesk.

Contact Details

All enquiries can be made to the On Demand Testing helpdesk on 1800 827 721 or by email:
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