# Office Hours Q&A

# September 14, 2022

# General Questions

**Are there training videos for MAARS or will there be training?**

Last year, the Assessment Team and Focal Point offered live webinar training on navigating the MAARS Platform and ad hoc tool. The Team will locate the webinar recording and share with Office Hour registrants by next week via email.

**Is this year’s enrollment deadline is October 1?**

That is the understanding of the Assessment Team, yes. With additional specific questions related to enrollment, please contact the MEDMS Help Desk at [MEDMS.helpdesk@maine.gov](mailto:MEDMS.helpdesk@maine.gov)

**Is the assessment office hour link the same throughout the year?**

Yes, there is one link for the monthly office hours throughout the year. Office hours occur from 12:00 – 1:00 on the second Wednesday of each month. Our newt Lunch ‘n’ Learn Office Hour is October 12th.

[Registration Link](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnetworkmaine.zoom.us%2Fmeeting%2Fregister%2FtZEqcOGgqzwsGt16Ik9lRjB-bNTSZZX42SQT&data=05%7C01%7CJodi.Bossio-Smith%40maine.gov%7C3cac25ca075b449c751508da9751931c%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C637988674005355470%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fyoPmDBwKDVZ5Ms2u44p5bS8mAnqWRS5zIJw%2F33MhiQ%3D&reserved=0)

**Can you restate the newcomer requirements. Do all take math? Is ELA given based on WIDA score?**

Yes, newly enrolled multilingual learners are required to participate in the annual assessments of mathematics and science. Newcomers with a US Start Date after 2/4/22 have the **option** to participate in the SY 22-23 reading assessment, but this is not a requirement. SAUs and instructional teams are encouraged to make this decision collaboratively and in partnership with the students’ families.

Additional Upcoming Trainings:

* September 19th, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.: Assessment Security Webinar
* [Registration link](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnetworkmaine.zoom.us%2Fmeeting%2Fregister%2FtZEvf-iupz8sH9Xs4VSyMnZQRr5zBgs2hD83&data=05%7C01%7CJodi.Bossio-Smith%40maine.gov%7C3cac25ca075b449c751508da9751931c%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C637988674005199239%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MVLOJ3aHew7lmkYk0BBu0%2BSRJ7A%2FwzJSI9cP%2FAP1k2I%3D&reserved=0)
* September 21st, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.: Transition to NWEA Through Year Assessment

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* September 22nd, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.: DAC Orientation Webinar

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