

## **THE COMMITTEE ON TEST STANDARDS REMOTE TESTING GUIDANCE**

In response to queries we have received, we do not have specific concerns about remote testing, as long as it is considered acceptable by the test publisher for that specific test. To that end, we advocate seeking reassurances from the test publishers that this would be an acceptable way of administering their test. Since every test is different, guidance as to its use can only come from that publisher. If the publisher is explicitly making the test available for remote administration, we would accept their judgement that this is a suitable way of administering it.

It is always up to the professional to establish appropriate rapport with the testee, whether the test is being administered face to face or through remote methods. In the end, of course, a test is designed to augment professional judgement and possibly highlight additional information for the professional, and no test result in itself should represent an entire professional consultation. If the professional feels that remote administration has seriously affected the results for a particular test, that should be made very clear in their test report. The same would apply if a professional felt that physical circumstances had interfered with face to face testing.

In other words, we do not have concerns or reservations about remote testing in itself, as long as the situation is appropriate (e.g. interruption-free) and the professional is able to establish appropriate rapport with the testee.

We have made general guidance as to ways of conducting remote consultations available on the main [BPS website](#) and on the [PTC website](#), but would not be able to speak for individual tests.

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