



Adapting to the COVID Reality FSI's Remote Testing and Assessment

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Transition into Remote Testing

•Telephone tests with conference lines

Speaking test with a host

Reading/full tests with proctors remotely or onsite

•3-Point DVC tests

•Tests via WebEx





Incorporating New Procedures:

- Moved to an entirely electronic workflow
- Assigned LTU-based raters as examiners
- Revised NDA form
- •Transitioned testing training to ZoomGov and WebEx





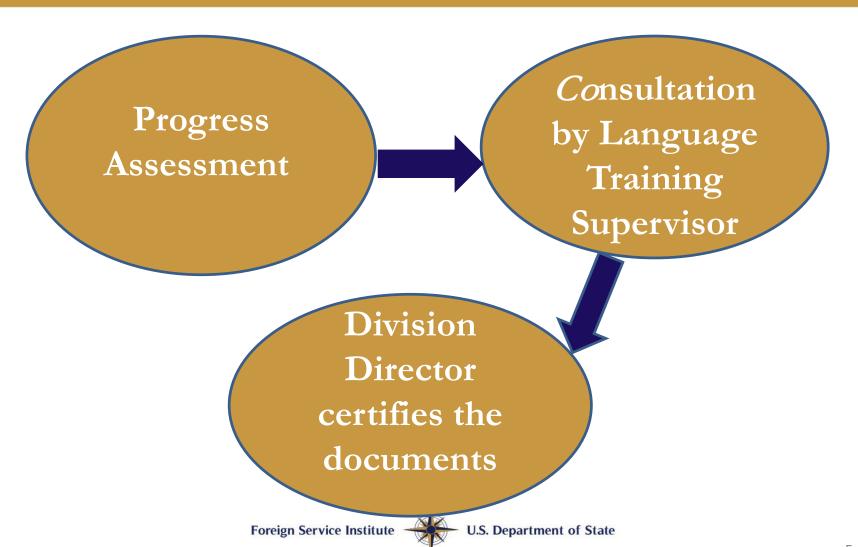
Assessment by Observation (ABO)

•A temporary solution to assess the effectiveness of FSI's language training during the pandemic

• Yields FSI-certified proficiency scores up to ILR 3, valid for all purposes and for 5 years



The ABO Process:





Challenges:

- •Reading test outside of DOS facilities remains a challenge
- •Limited ability to communicate between testing teams in real time
- •Testing security concerns-need for continued market research on testing delivering and proctoring platforms