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
• 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:

Progress Assessment

Consultation by Language Training Supervisor

Division Director certifies the documents
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