



Important guidance for use of WISC–V Coding Subtest

Dear Customer,

Since the content update on **February 6th**, we have been monitoring customer feedback and reviewing de-identified, aggregated data from administration of WISC®–V Coding in digital format. As a result of this customer feedback and data review, we have determined that average scores remain higher than expected when compared to standardization data and we do not believe the issue has been completely resolved at this time.

The content update has leveled performance across devices and operating systems, indicating that the influence of variable item presentation rate resulting from newer hardware and operating systems has been removed. However, customer reports and data review continue to indicate that scores are inflated to a degree that is outside of Pearson's quality standards.

As a result, we are issuing guidance to stop using Coding in digital format and either administer Coding in paper format or substitute Symbol Search. Additional data analyses conducted on the deidentified data accrued since the content update on February 6th confirms what was observed in previous analyses: Symbol Search in digital format continues to produce scores that are highly similar to those of standardization and to Symbol Search in paper format, and no inflation is evident. In addition, these analyses indicate that when Coding is administered in paper format and manually entered into the Assess app, it continues to produce scores that are highly similar to those of standardization.

We are continuing work to resolve the performance issue with Coding in digital format and will keep you informed about that effort. In the meantime, refer to the alternate administration options previously provided (and included below in this e-mail) and to the published FAQs accessible on the SUPPORT TAB in Q-central under WISC–V.

Thank you for your continued feedback, correspondence, and communication. We understand the benefits that Q-interactive® provides to you and your examinees and we are doing everything possible to ensure it is the most dependable and accurate assessment administration platform available.

Regards,
Your Q-interactive Team

Alternate Administration Option on Q-interactive

If you are concerned about inflated Coding digital format scores, another option is to complete the Coding subtest in paper format and manually enter the scores into the Assess app. **To use this approach, swipe past the Coding subtest at the beginning of the subtest. The Stimulus and Response Options popover will appear for you to make a selection before proceeding with administration. Select *Paper response booklet* within the popover window.** You may still administer the other WISC-V subtests via digital format using this method while administering Coding using a paper response booklet, simply enter the total raw score achieved using the paper response booklet into Q-interactive at the end of the subtest. Q-interactive references the norms derived from Coding administered in paper format to generate a scaled score and all typical composite scores.

To aid this paper administration, customers will be provided with access to a printable PDF of Coding Form A and Form B on the Support Tab in Q-central. Ensure your printer has adequate black ink, and print the file using the highest resolution available so the stimuli are similar to those in the printed response booklet. When printing, check that "Actual size" is selected and not "Fit," or the scoring template will not match up.

The image shows a settings menu titled "Page Sizing & Handling" with an information icon. It features four tabs: "Size", "Poster", "Multiple", and "Booklet". Below the tabs are five radio button options: "Fit", "Actual size" (which is selected), "Shrink oversized pages", "Custom Scale:" (with a text input field containing "100" and a percentage sign), and "Choose paper source by PDF page size" (which is checked). Below the checked option is an unchecked checkbox labeled "Use custom paper size when needed".

Customers that do not have access to the scoring template can order one free of charge by following these steps:

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