

RESNET Policy on Persons with Learning Disabilities Taking the RESNET National Rater Test

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RESNET staff has on several occasions been asked for guidance on rater candidates taking rater certification training who claim to have learning disabilities.

RESNET does not fall under the provisions of the IDEA or the federal legislation that regulates special education in public schools. RESNET does not receive government funding for administering the national rater test and rater certification is not a government requirement. It is RESNET commitment, however, to provide reasonable accommodation for individuals with learning disabilities who wish to take rater certification training.

The following is the policy adopted by the RESNET Training and Education Committee on providing reasonable accommodation to individuals with learning disabilities:

“It is RESNET’s policy to provide reasonable accommodation to individuals documented as having learning disabilities. The rater candidate who claims to have a learning disability shall provide the Rater Training Provider with written documentation of the disability with recommended accommodations as diagnosed by a licensed psychological examiner. Documentation older than 5 years is not acceptable. This documentation must be provided thirty days prior to the rater training.”

RESNET provides reasonable accommodation to all rater candidates by offering a 50 question two hour on-line test that is open book and the allowing the use of a calculator.

In undertaking the rater training individual rating training providers can decide whether to provide additional accommodations such providing additional time and frequent breaks for the rater training. “