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We only accept orders identifying a Qualified User who is registered on our website or had previously submitted their qualifications. Prior to March 1, 2019 this information may have been submitted via an online form. Customers who submitted qualification forms in this manner were migrated over automatically. All new submissions must be done through the creation of a website account and adding qualification details to their website account.

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Tests may be purchased by individuals with:

- A master's degree in psychology, education, speech language pathology, occupational therapy, social work, counseling, or in a field closely related to the intended use of the assessment, and formal training in the ethical administration, scoring, and interpretation of clinical assessments.

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OR

- Work for an accredited institution

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OR

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OR

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