

Alaska
Profile of State College and Career Readiness Assessments (CCR) Policy

CCR assessment policy	Alaska requires that all students in the 11 th grade take the WorkKeys assessments.
Purpose	The purpose for Alaskans taking the WorkKeys is to prepare students to be career ready and to identify which occupational skills have been demonstrated and which skills need to be developed. The goal is for our students to have the opportunity to earn the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).
Major changes in CCR assessment policy since the 2009-10 school year for financial reasons	In 2011 Alaska paid for students in grade 12 to participate in WorkKeys. The Alaska Scholarship Program was implemented in 2011 and the seniors graduating in 2011 could gain scholarship eligibility by attainment of qualifying WorkKeys scores.
Major changes in CCR assessment policy since the 2009-10 school year for any <i>other</i> reasons	None
Grade CCR assessment first administered	11 th
State financial support for students to take the CCR assessment	Alaska pays for all students to take the WorkKeys assessment.
Is the CCR assessment administered during the regular school day?	Yes
Is the CCR assessment used by postsecondary institutions for undergraduate admission purposes?	No
Is the CCR assessment used by postsecondary institutions for placement purposes?	No
Granted exemptions on college placement	No

exams for students who meet a certain standard on the CCR assessment	
Is postsecondary institution course credit awarded for performance on the CCR assessment in any way?	No
Is the CCR assessment used in any way by potential employers?	Yes. Several potential employers utilize the NCRC for consideration in hiring. For a thorough list please review slides 20-24 of the Powerpoint presentation located on the following Web site: http://www.careerready.alaska.gov/employers.html
Impact of adoption of the common standards on state CCR assessment policies	Not applicable