

First Mondays

Monthly Notes for Virginia's Adult Education Providers

April 6, 2015

Calendar

IEL/Civics Symposium

April 9-10
Wyndham Virginia
Crossings Hotel and
Conference Center
Glen Allen

Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE) Conference

April 21-24
Denver, CO

Virginia Institute for Lifelong Learning (VAILL)

July 29-31
Radford

America's Literacy Directory

[America's Literacy Directory](#) (ALD) is a Web site that allows users to find local literacy providers in all 50 states and the U.S. territories. The ALD includes literacy programs for adults looking for adult basic education, adult secondary education, computer literacy, and English as a second language services.

By entering an address or a zip code, learners can find detailed information about area literacy programs and the services they offer, including phone and fax numbers; mailing, e-mail, and website addresses; types of services and instruction offered; days and time of instruction; and information on public transportation and fees. Maps and driving directions for all programs listed in the ALD can also be generated

This is an excellent resource to help the learners in your area find your program. Please visit the site and either add or update your contact information. On the site you will find a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page and a page of instructions for [updating](#) your listings.

Distance Education Policy Update

In March, the Office of Adult Education and Literacy (OAEL) and the Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center (VALRC) convened a distance education expert panel comprised of state staff, local and regional administrators, and local practitioners from around the state. The primary function of this panel will be to review and approve new curricula for distance instruction. OAEL and VALRC staff will work to codify the new processes identified by the panel into an updated distance education policy. Please feel free to contact Kevin Franklin, education support specialist at VALRC (franklinkg@vcu.edu) or George Bailey at OAEL (george.bailey@doe.virginia.gov), if you have questions about the panel or its functions. We are excited to begin the process of updating this policy and approving new curriculum that will make distance education more accessible and relevant to students' pursuits of their academic goals.

WIOA

On Thursday, April 2nd, five Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRMs) were published to the [Federal Register Web site](#), where commentary on these notices is allowed and encouraged. These notices govern the implementation and administration of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), providing rules for the creation of state unified or combined plans, performance and accountability measures, and more. The final rules and regulations will be posted to the Federal Register on April 16th, 2015.

Resources for WIOA
Information

[OCTAE](#)

[Department of Labor](#)

[National Skills Coalition](#)

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Making Skills Everyone's Business: A Call to Transform Adult Learning in the United States

In February of this year, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE), released the report *Making Skills Everyone's Business: A Call to Transform Adult Learning in the United States*. "Grounded in evidence and informed by effective and emerging practices, *Making Skills Everyone's Business* offers seven strategies that hold great promise for improving the conditions that create and perpetuate poor literacy, numeracy, and problem solving." Please visit the [OCTAE Web site](#) where you will find the complete report, an executive summary of the report, and an overview slide presentation of report. Any or all of these could be very effective tools to use as you begin to develop or continue to consolidate the development of employer partnerships in your regions.



I'm in the know!

Knowledge Center is now active as VALRC's learning management system. To log into the VALRC Knowledge Center domain (KC) navigate to:

https://covkc.virginia.gov/valrc/Kview/CustomCodeBehind/Customization/Login/COV_Login.aspx. You will also find a link on the VALRC website. (www.valrc.org). Look for the VALRC KC logo at the bottom of the screen.

Editing Your Account

If you had an ERO account that migrated to KC, your email address became your KC login ID, and your ERO PIN became your KC password. Many users have email addresses that are several characters long. KC accepted these long logins through the migration, but will not allow new users to create logins longer than 20 characters.

Also, if your login ID is longer than 20 characters, the "Forgot Password" feature will not work; you won't be able to enter your entire login ID in the appropriate field.

GED® Stats

2015

GED accounts – 5,620

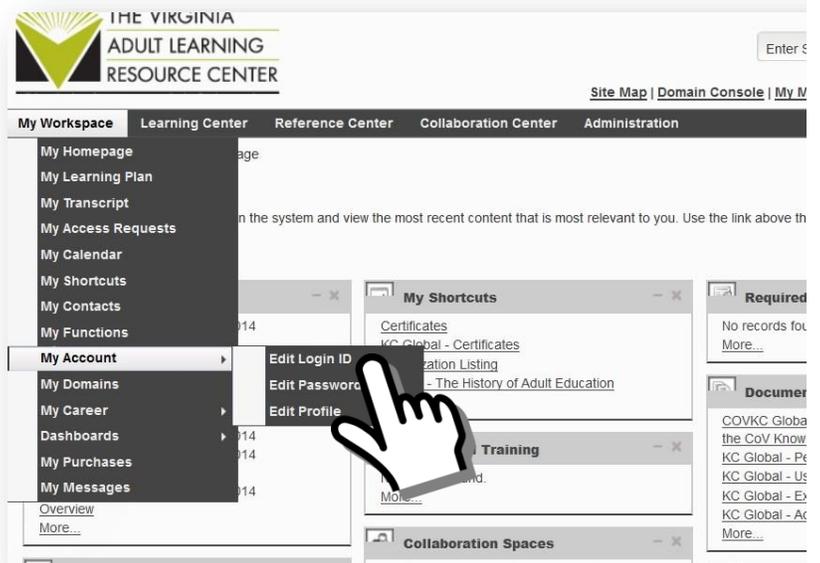
Test takers – 2,121

Completers – 666

Passers – 484

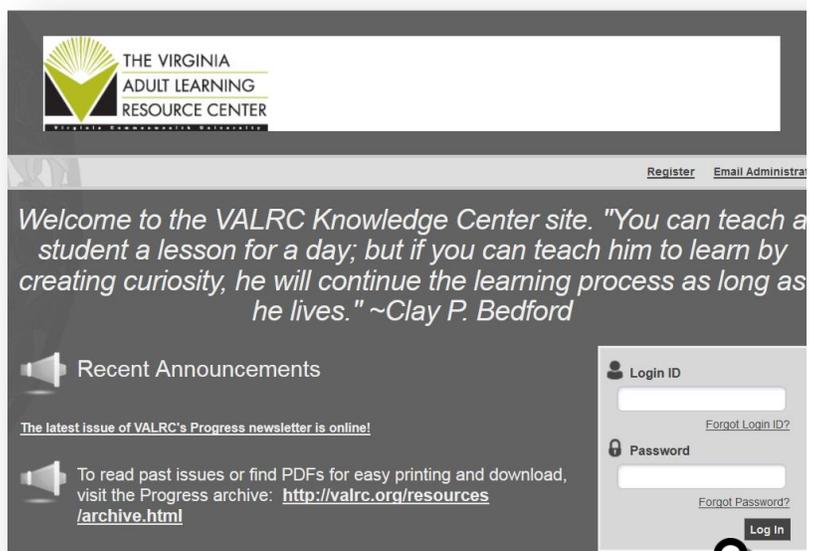
State pass rate - 73%

National pass rate - 62%



To change your login ID to a shorter one:

- Navigate to the VALRC KC page.
- Log in using your current ID and password.
- Navigate to My Workspace, My Account, Edit Login ID.
- Enter your current ID and then the new ID you'd like to use. It must be at least 4 characters and no more than 20 characters.



Money Matters

As you prepare your third quarter AEFLA reimbursement requests, please deplete 2013-2014 funds before requesting reimbursement of 2014-2015 funds.

Final reimbursements for technology purchases for the current fiscal year must be submitted by April 17, 2015.

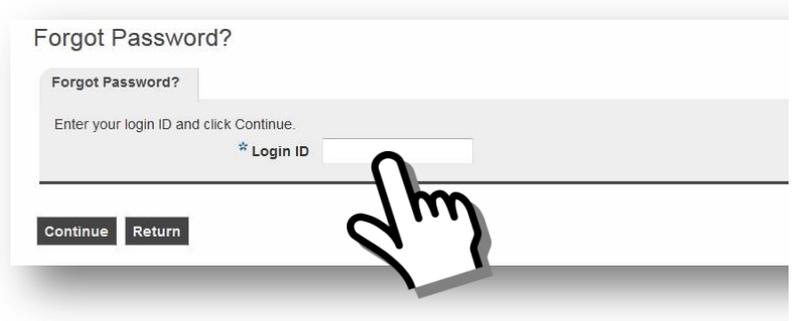
Third quarter reimbursement requests and match, program income, and SLCA expenditure reports are due by April 17, 2015.

Planning to go to VAILL in July? Registration and housing fees may be reimbursed from this year's budget if paid before June 30. However, mileage and per diem expenses, if incurred, must be claimed from next year's budget after attending the event.

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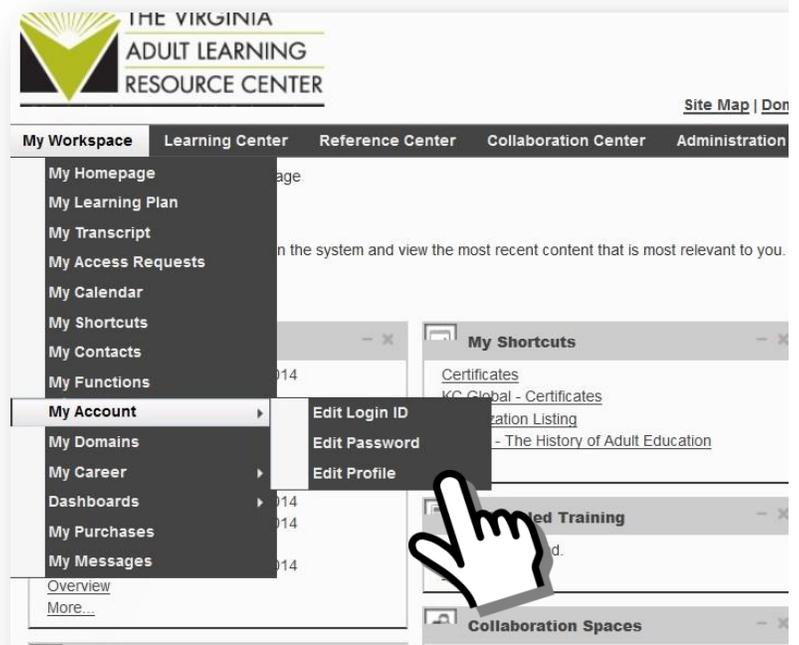
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With a login ID of 20 characters or fewer, you will be able to click "Forgot Password" if you ever forget your password. KC will automatically email you a temporary password to the email address on file. **Please make sure your email address is correct; email is how KC communicates with you.*



Editing your email address is easy, too. **To edit your email address:**

- Navigate to My Workspace, My Account, Edit Profile.
- While you're there, please review and update your profile as necessary. Make you sure you click Save.



OAEL

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Please visit the [OAEL Web site](#) for more information about adult education and literacy in Virginia and for news and updates throughout the month.

You can change your password by following these steps:

- Navigate to My Workspace, My Account, Edit Password.
- Enter your old password; then, enter and confirm your new password.
- Your new password must be at least 6 characters and no more than 20 characters.
- Your new login ID and password may only contain numbers, uppercase letters, lowercase letters and the following special characters:
 - Login ID: @, #, [, ^, \$, ., |, ?, *, +, (,),], {, }, and \.
 - Password: %, !, @, #, [, ^, \$, ., |, ?, *, +, (,),], {, }, and \.

If you need assistance with your login or password, you may contact VALRC at 1-800-237-0178 during regular business hours.