

**Appendix 9**

**PIAAC Confidentiality  
Agreement and Affidavit of Non-Disclosure**

## **PIAAC Confidentiality Agreement**

ETS and its partners will develop and implement The Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). PIAAC is an international, multi-cycle programme that is open to participation from both OECD and non-OECD countries. In addition to testing fundamental cognitive skills associated with successful participation in the 21st century, PIAAC will seek to capture information about a range of other generic skills required in the workplace, as well as collect information on individual labour market and social outcomes and other background characteristics. ETS is the prime contractor on this project and will work closely with several sub-contractors both here in the United States and in Europe to meet the project goals.

Under the PIAAC contract, ETS and its partners agree not to disclose information or data to third parties and to protect the raw and aggregate data files, frameworks, items, responses and all documents and related reports. By extension, I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a member of a **PIAAC National Centre**, agree to the above terms and also agree not to distribute, publish, or present any information or results relating to PIAAC prior to the OECD's release of the international report without first obtaining written permission from either the OECD or ETS.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIDAVIT OF NONDISCLOSURE**  
**Program of International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC)**  
**Main Study Staff**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that in the process of reviewing materials prepared for the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC), I will not:

1. Reveal the content of any items used as part of PIAAC or related studies.
2. Make any improper disclosure whereby an examinee or survey respondent, or their related data (including individuals) could be identified, which includes, but is not limited to information collected from PIAAC or related studies or cognitive labs.
3. Permit anyone other than the individuals authorized by the National Center for Education Statistics to have access to PIAAC or related studies items, passages, cognitive lab materials, data, or reports.
4. Use or reveal any individually identifiable information furnished, acquired, retrieved, or assembled by me or others, under the provisions of Section 183 of the Education Science Reform Act (20 U.S.C. 9573) and E-Government Act of 2002, Title V, Subtitle A (P.L. 103-347) for any purpose other than statistical or reporting purposes specified in the PIAAC project or related studies.

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*Signature*

(The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of not more than \$250,000 (under 18 U.S.C. 3571) or imprisonment for no more than five years (under 18 U.S.C. 3559), or both. The word "swear" should be stricken out when a person elects to affirm the affidavit rather than to swear it.)

City/County of \_\_\_\_\_, Commonwealth/State of \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, Witness my hand and official Seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public/Seal)

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_