



Quest A⁺ Trial Run Guide

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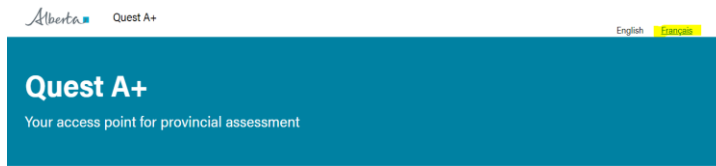
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Trial Run Guide

This document will help you to test Lockdown Browser on your PC or Mac, and show you the features of assessments in Quest A+. Students can go to [Practice Tests](#) to practice multiple-choice questions. Teachers can contact [Alberta Education](#) to request practice codes for students to practice logging in and using Quest A+ for written response questions.

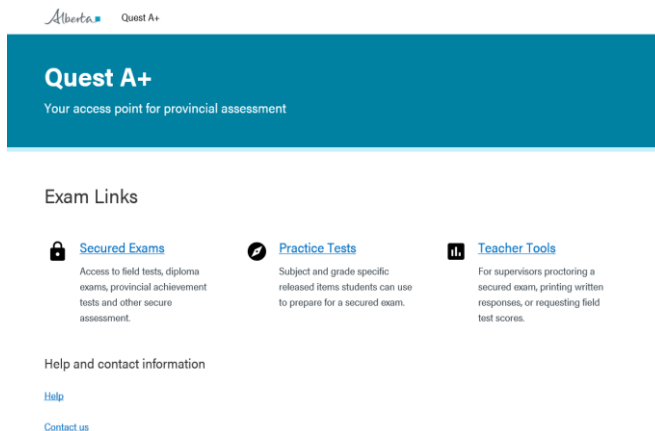
French Language - If students are writing an exam in French, the keyboard on the device needs to be changed to the French Canadian keyboard before accessing the exam. Also, Quest A+ now has a French interface. If you go to the home page, you can click on the link that says, Français, at the top of the screen to change Quest A+ to French.



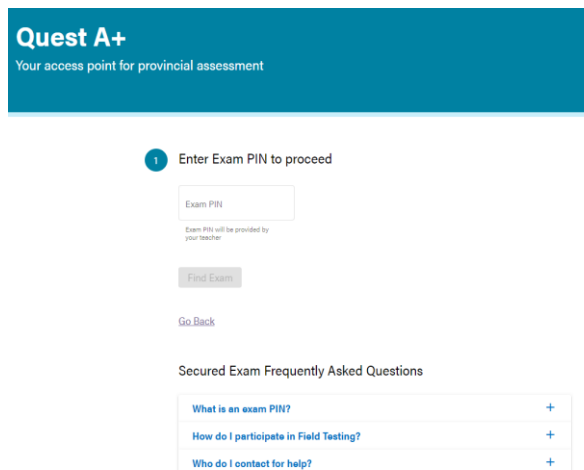
Exam Links

Testing LockDown Browser

- On a PC or Mac go to:
<https://questaplus.alberta.ca>.
- Click on “**Secured Exams**”
- Lockdown Browser will launch



- If the “Enter Exam PIN” screen opens then Lockdown Browser is functioning correctly.

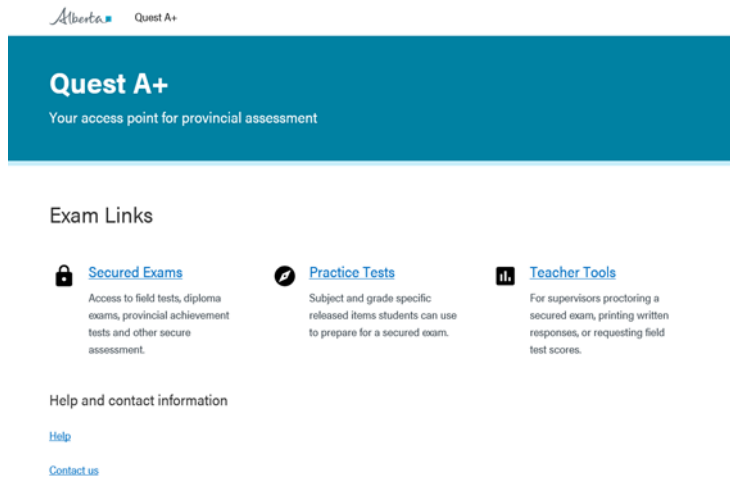


If the “Enter Exam PIN” screen does not display, you need to download an updated version of Lockdown Browser [here](#). If you are using a Chromebook, it can only be school-owned, and must be configured by the school’s Google Administrator according to the instructions provided by contacting [Alberta Education](#).

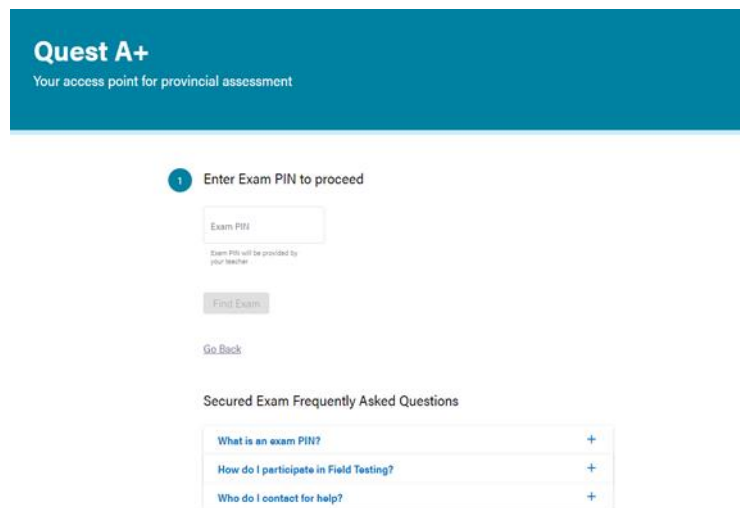
Log in

To log in and access a PAT, diploma exam, practice written response or field test, follow these instructions:

- Go to <https://questaplus.alberta.ca>
- Click on “**Secured Exams**”



- Enter Exam PIN provided by Alberta Education
- Click “**Find Exam**”



- Students enter their birth date and Alberta Student Number (ASN). If both are correct, they will be able to click the, “Next” button. If not, check to ensure they have been entered correctly. If errors persist, check with your office administrative assistant to confirm the student information matches what is in PASI.

Alberta Quest A+

Quest A+

Your access point for provincial assessment

Mathematics 30-1 Machine Scored April Diploma Exam

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Scheduled Start Date April 7, 2019 at 7:00PM | Exam Pin QVQIPY |
| Maximum Time Limit 6 hours | School Code 1341 |

2 Your Student Information

Birth Date

ASN
Your Alberta Student Number (ASN) is 9 digits

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- **This step is for PATs only.** Students will then have to check off if they were home schooled or not. Then they will have to check if they completed the course in the same year as testing or not. For example, most students will complete the course in the same year as testing, but a grade 8 student in a grade 8/9 split class who is writing the PAT will check, “I completed this course in a year other than the year of testing.”

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Your access point for provincial assessment

English Language Arts 6 Written Response Achievement Test

| | |
|---|--|
| Scheduled Start Date December 9, 2019 at 7:37AM | Exam Pin ZQ84W6 |
| Maximum Time Limit 5 hours | School Code 3397 |
| Birth Date October 10, 1980 | Alberta Student Number 8010-3836-5 |
| First Name Case-A | Last Name Test |

3 Extra Questions

Home Education

I was **not** home schooled for this subject

I was home schooled for this subject

School Year Type

I completed this course in the **same** school year as the testing

I completed this course in a year **other** than the year of testing

- Students will now check if they require accommodations. If they have used accommodations throughout the school year and have permission from the school, they check the box, “**I use accommodations granted by my school to write tests.**”

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Your access point for provincial assessment

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3 **Accommodations Used**

I have **not** been granted accommodations by my school to write tests
 I use accommodations granted by my school to write tests

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- Students can check which accommodation(s) they require. (The exam time is automatically doubled for Diploma’s and PATs, so do not choose the Additional Writing Time accommodation.) The supervisor will then have to enter the Supervisor PIN to enable the accommodation. Click, “**Next.**”

- To enter Additional Writing Time in case of exam disruption, see [Test Dashboard](#).

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Your access point for provincial assessment

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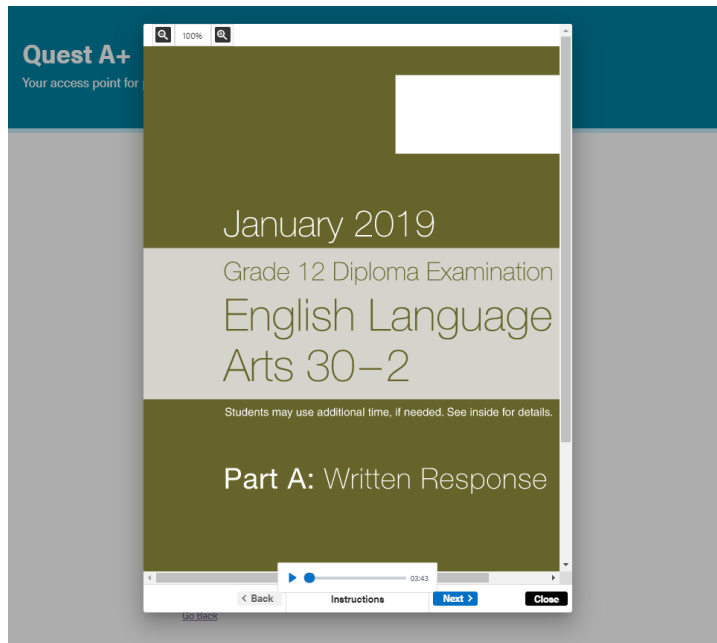
I have **not** been granted accommodations by my school to write tests
 I use accommodations granted by my school to write tests

| | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio - visual impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> Audio - learning and/or physical disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional writing time | <input type="checkbox"/> Scribe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large print version | <input type="checkbox"/> Braille version |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reader | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign language interpreter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recorded response | <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous |

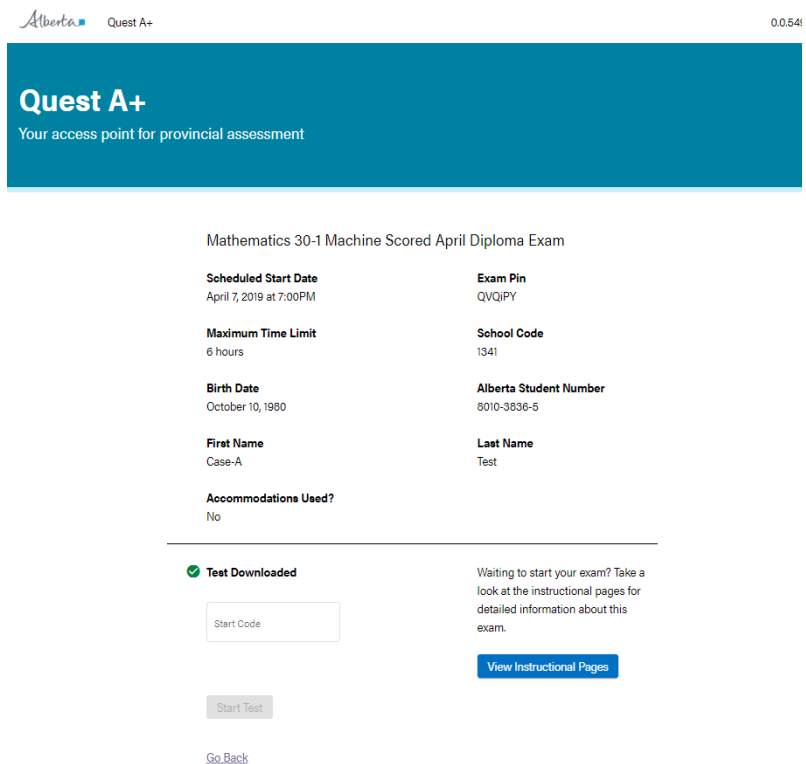
[Next](#)

[Go Back](#)

- The test instructions pages will then display. You can read the instructions and then click, “Close.”



- The test will then download. Once every student has successfully downloaded the test, the test supervisor can inform students of the **Start Code** provided by Alberta Education. This is the Supervisor’s control over when the test begins. **Only distribute the start code once every student is ready to start writing the test.** Then click, “**Start Test**”. Please note the code is case sensitive.

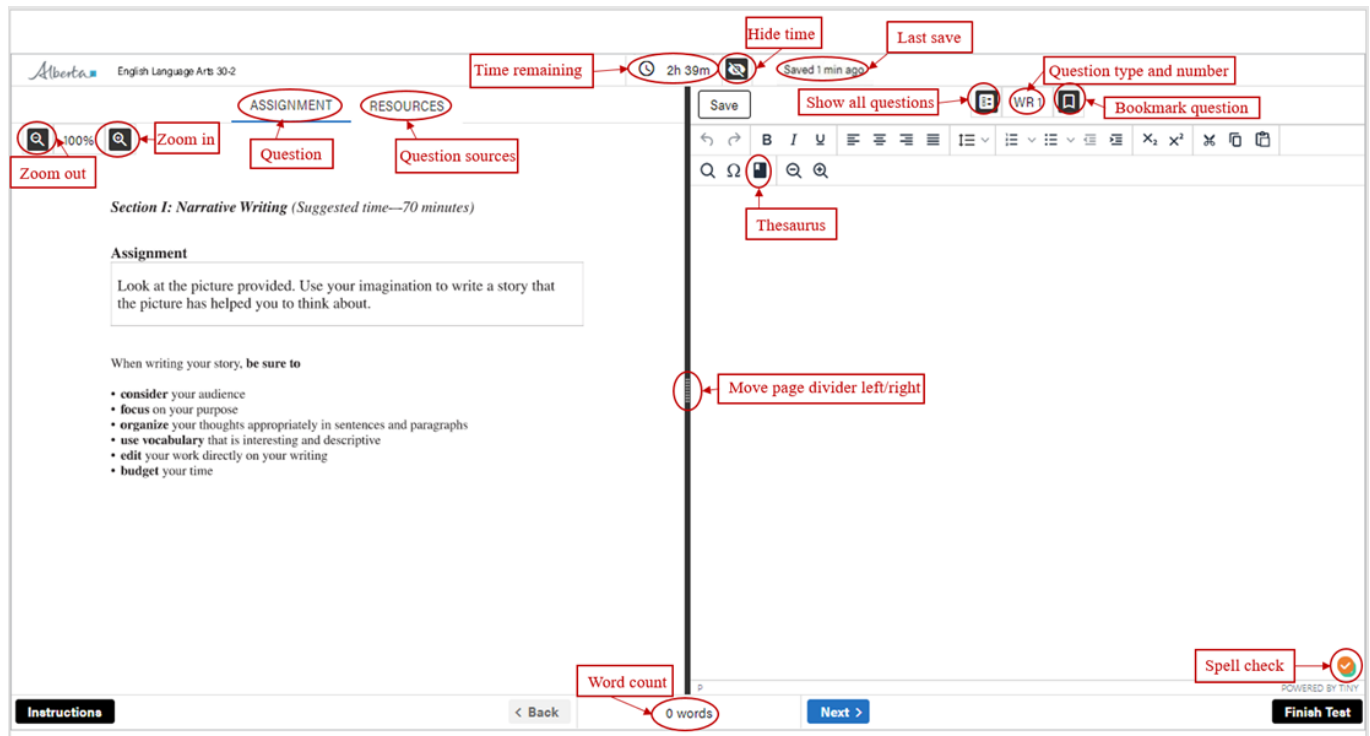


Navigating the Website

All associated resources (e.g., data booklets, readings, other sources, etc.) are automatically displayed in a split-screen format in Quest A+. The following diagrams show the various components of written-response, multiple-choice and numerical-response questions.

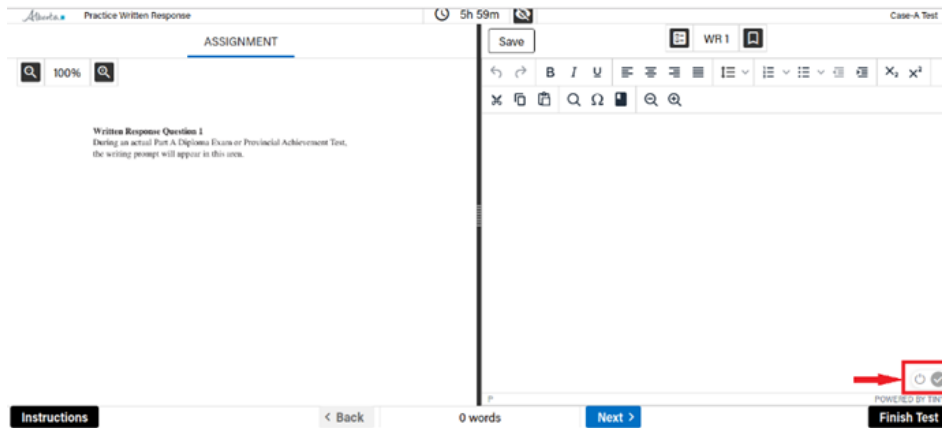
*When using zoom on a Chromebook, you can use two fingers on the trackpad (mouse) to zoom in and out and move around. Also, if you put your cursor to the right side of any question or resource, the scroll bar will appear when zoomed in.

Written Response



Spell Check

To ensure spellcheck is turned on, make sure the check mark at the bottom of the screen is orange. If it is grey, hover over the icon with your pointer and you will see a power icon pop up. Click on the icon and it will enable spell check.



Multiple Choice

Alberta Social Studies 30-2

Time remaining 55m Hide time

QUESTION RESOURCE(S)

100% Zoom in Zoom out

Use to answer questions

Questions 6 to 9 are based on the following points of view.

Point of View I

We do not allow just anyone to fly a passenger jet, perform surgery, or design a bridge because we know those tasks should be done by those qualified to do them. So why do we handle political decision making differently? Why do we allow the masses to be the ultimate political authority in a country? They are easily swayed by empty promises and slick campaigns. A far better process for leadership selection is a natural process in which the most able individual demonstrates ability, takes charge, and "pilots" the country just as we expect the most able persons to pilot our airplanes.

Point of View II

History has shown that when political power is in the hands of the elite citizens, they will base their decisions on protecting their power and ensuring that their needs are met. If we hire people to fix our car or repair an appliance, they are accountable for doing a good job. If they don't, they will soon be out of work. The same rules should apply to our political leaders. They have to be held accountable to the people; otherwise the people could suffer years of incompetent leadership. After all, it is the people who "hire" political leaders to make decisions for them.

6. Point of View I suggests that citizens in democratic states

- lack the ability to choose the best political leaders
- want to be led by responsive, honest political leaders
- fail to appreciate the benefits provided from living in a democracy
- believe that a democratic state is the best way to ensure public security

100% Show all questions MC Bookmark question

Use the points of view in the "Resources" section to answer questions 6 to 9.

Move page divider left/right

Select your answer

Instructions < Back A B C D Next > Finish Test

Numerical Response

Alberta Physics 30

Time remaining 59m Hide time

Number of resources TEST RESOURCE(S) Use to help answer questions

100% < 1/3 > Zoom out Zoom in

Next resource

Periodic Table of the Elements

Tools Protractor

Show all questions NR Bookmark question

Question type and number

To use protractor to help you answer this question, click on the appropriate icon above.

Use the following information to answer numerical-response question 7.

In a laboratory experiment, a microwave generator is used to produce a beam of monochromatic microwaves. These waves are incident on a series of metal tubes that forms a diffraction grating. The metal tubes are spaced 1.80 cm apart.

When the microwave signal passes through the grating, a receiver placed 52.0 cm from the grating detects a maximum signal. A first-order maximum signal is also detected at each of positions I and II, as labelled in the diagram below.

Move page divider left/right

Note: This diagram is not drawn to scale.

The angle from the central maximum to either position I or II is 49.8°.

Numerical Response

7. The experimental wavelength of the microwaves, in centimetres, is _____ cm.

(Record all three-digit answer in the response boxes at the bottom of the screen.)


Enter answer

Instructions < Back Next > Finish Test

All Questions and Bookmarked Questions


The screenshot shows the assessment interface for Alberta English Language Arts 30-2. At the top, the 'Time remaining' is 2h 39m. The interface includes a 'Question' section with 'ASSIGNMENT' and 'RESOURCES' tabs. A 'Question sources' section is also visible. The main content area displays an assignment prompt: 'Look at the picture provided. Use your imagination to write a story that the picture has helped you to think about.' Below the prompt, there are instructions for writing the story, including a list of tips: 'consider your audience', 'focus on your purpose', 'organize your thoughts appropriately in sentences and paragraphs', 'use vocabulary that is interesting and descriptive', 'edit your work directly on your writing', and 'budget your time'. The interface also features a 'Thesaurus' tool, a 'Word count' display showing '0 words', and a 'Spell check' button. Navigation buttons for 'Back' and 'Next' are present at the bottom. A 'Finish Test' button is located in the bottom right corner. Various UI elements are annotated with red boxes and arrows, including 'Zoom out', 'Zoom in', 'Question type and number', 'Bookmark question', 'Move page divider left/right', and 'Word count'.

Quest A+ on Chromebooks

- When using zoom on a Chromebook, you can use two fingers on the trackpad (mouse) to zoom in and out and move around. Also, if you put your cursor to the right side of any question or resource, the scroll bar will appear when zoomed in.
- To enable full screen press  on the top row of the keyboard. This will show the word count.

If a student clicks “**Finish Test**,” a confirmation window will appear. The information in the window indicates unanswered questions and questions to review.

Are you finished?

 [50 Question\(s\)](#)
Not Answered

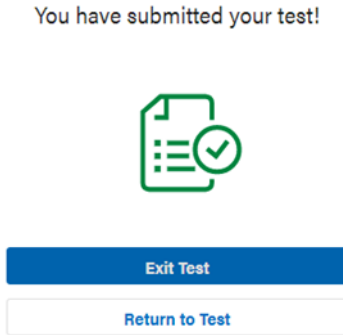
 [3 Question\(s\)](#)
Bookmarked

[Submit Test](#)

[Review Answers](#)

At this point, the student can click, either “**Submit Test**” or, go back to the exam and make changes by clicking, “**Review Answers**”.

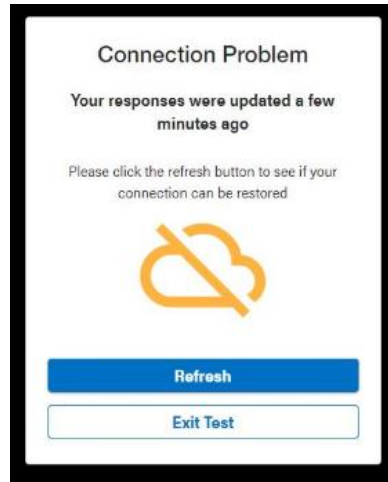
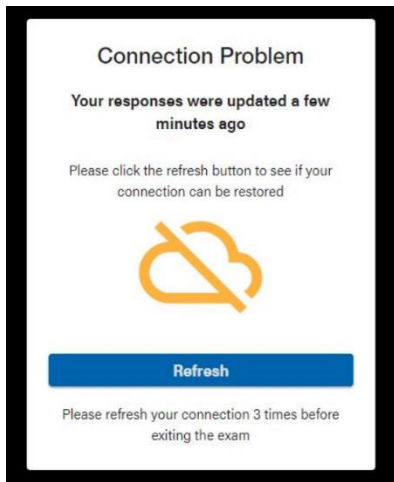
If they click, “**Submit Test**” they will see the message below. At this point, they can still return to the test for review if needed.



When the student clicks, “**Exit Test**” they will return to the Exam PIN entry page. If they are certain they have finished the exam, they can close their browser. If a student needs to regain access to the exam at this point, they will need to log back into the exam with the help of the supervisor using the supervisor PIN.

Connection Problem

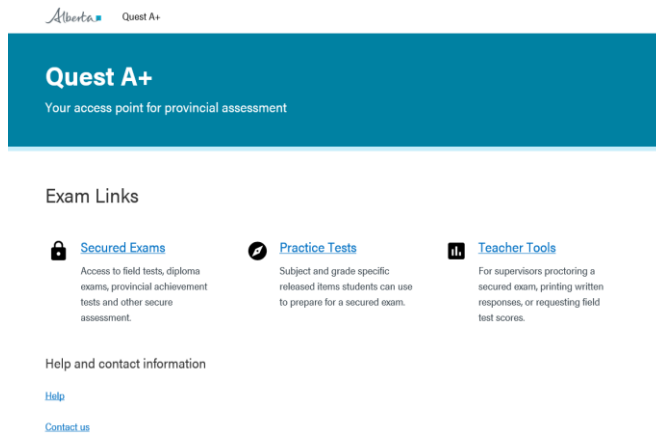
This is the most common error a student may encounter during the exam. It means there is a problem with the internet connection, or the connection between Quest A+ and Alberta Education servers. This popup ensures that students will not lose their work by typing while being disconnected. Check to make sure the student is connected to the internet. They may have to move closer to a router, or try another device. Click on the **Refresh** button at least three times. If the student cannot establish connection, click **Exit Test**, and log into the exam again.



Teacher Tools

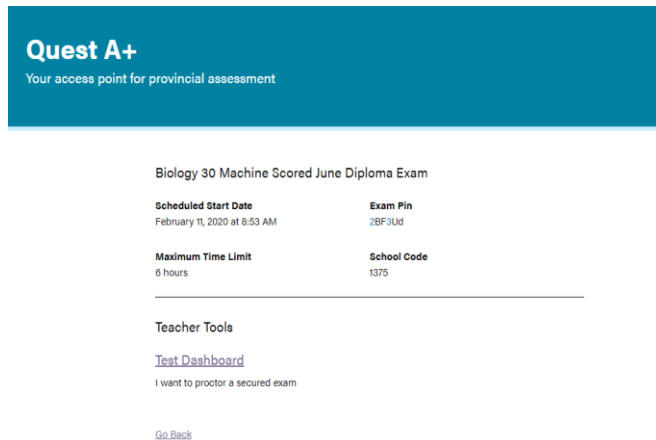
Exam supervisors must be familiar with the “**Test Dashboard**” to monitor students online while they are writing their exams. This is to ensure there are no Internet connection problems.

- Click on “Teacher Tools”



The screenshot shows the Quest A+ interface. At the top, it says "Alberta Quest A+" and "Quest A+ Your access point for provincial assessment". Below this is a section titled "Exam Links" with three items: "Secured Exams" (with a lock icon), "Practice Tests" (with a pencil icon), and "Teacher Tools" (with a person icon). Each item has a brief description. Below the links is a section for "Help and contact information" with links for "Help" and "Contact Us".

- Click on “Test Dashboard”



The screenshot shows the Quest A+ interface for a specific exam. It displays the exam title "Biology 30 Machine Scored June Diploma Exam" and a table with the following information:

| Scheduled Start Date | Exam Pin |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| February 11, 2020 at 8:53 AM | 2BF3Ud |
| Maximum Time Limit | School Code |
| 6 hours | 1375 |

Below the table, there is a section titled "Teacher Tools" with a link to "Test Dashboard" and the text "I want to proctor a secured exam". At the bottom, there is a "Go Back" link.

The Dashboard will open showing a list of all the students writing the exam.

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| Subject | Students Finished | Exam PIN | Exam Duration | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|--|--|--|
| Practice Written Response | 4/5 | icKBC3 | 6h 00m | | | |

| Last Name ↑ | First Name | Update Status | Remaining Time | Additional Time (min) | Start/Pause | WR 1 | WR 2 | WR 3 | Completion Status |
|-------------|------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|------|------|------|-------------------|
| Test | Bee GOA | Finished | 6h 00m | 0 | | | | | Finished |
| Test | Case-C | Finished | 5h 59m | 0 | | | | | Finished |
| Test | Case-D | Finished | 5h 59m | 0 | | | | | Finished |
| Test | Case-E | Responses up to date | 5h 52m | 10 | | | | | In progress |
| Test | Case-A | Finished | 5h 47m | 0 | | | | | Finished |

Students per page: 10 | 1 - 5 of 5 | < >

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The Test Dashboard is necessary for the supervisor in a variety of ways:

- **Update Status** – used to ensure students are connected to the Internet.
- **Additional Time** – In case of a disruption to a student’s exam, you can click on the additional time icon to add up to 60 minutes of additional writing time.
- **Print All** – print all responses for all students on the list
- **Pause All** – in case of emergency, you can pause the exam for all students so that the countdown timer stops.
- **Start/Pause** – In case of an individual student exam disruption, you can pause the exam for an individual student.
- **WR1, WR2, WR3** – you can click on the print icon to print an individual student’s response(s).

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