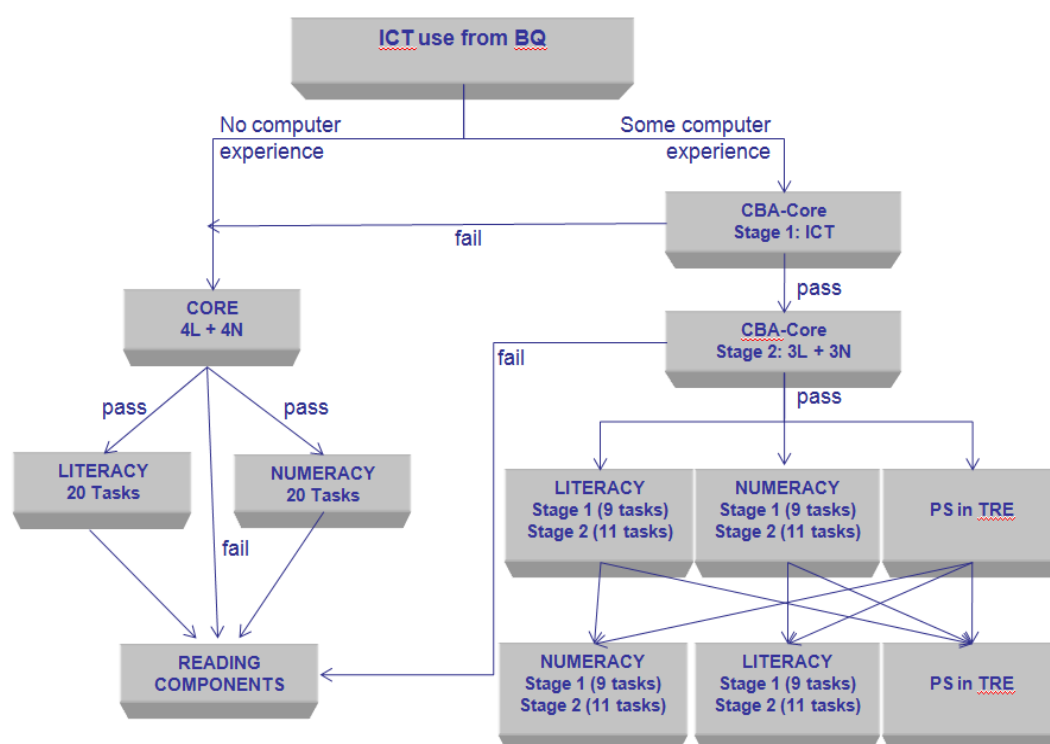


PIAAC**The Survey of Adult Skills Design**

The Survey of Adult Skills has been developed as a computer-based assessment with the option of taking the literacy and numeracy components of the assessment in paper-and-pencil format for those adults with insufficient experience with computers. A paper-based version of the assessment has also been developed for use in countries in which adults have low levels of familiarity with computers.

There are several possible pathways through the assessment. Respondents with no experience in using computers or who failed the computer-based assessment core Stage 1 (use of a mouse, typing, use of highlighting, and drag and drop functionality), as indicated by their response to the relevant questions in the background questionnaire, were directed to the pencil-and-paper version of the assessment, otherwise respondents will follow one of the multiple paths indicated in the design.

**List of Acronyms:**

ICT: Information Communications Technology

BQ: Background Questionnaire

CBA: Computer-based Assessment

PS in TRE: Problem Solving in Technology-Rich Environments