



Frequently Asked Questions

What is PreACT?

The PreACT, online test, is a shorter practice ACT test you can take on an ACT national test date. Your results indicate strengths and needed improvements so you, your parents or guardians, and teachers can assess where you should focus your learning for success on the ACT® test and beyond.

Why should I take PreACT?

It's never too early to start getting comfortable with the ACT test. The PreACT provides a practice opportunity for the ACT by helping you:

- Identify your current academic readiness for college and career using your PreACT score report
- Predict how you'll perform on the ACT after an additional year of learning
- Determine which academic skills you can improve

You will receive the following benefits of the PreACT:

- PreACT gives you valuable practice, including questions and scores similar to those on the ACT test
- PreACT includes multiple-choice questions in English, reading, math, and science. Your scores will reveal your current knowledge and skills in each area.
- You will receive personalized learning resources in each of the four subject areas where improvement can be recommended.

What is a MyACT web account and why do I need one?

A [MyACT web account](#) not only allows you to register online, but also lets you access a variety of ACT services. For example, you will need a MyACT web account to view your scores, and it's the fastest way to make changes to your registration.

We encourage all students who are at least 13 years old to create a free [MyACT web account](#). You will be required to provide identifying information, including an email address, in order to create your account. Once you do, you will be able to do all of the following 24/7, anywhere you have Internet access.

- Register to take PreACT
 - View a list of available test centers
 - Choose your preferred test date
 - Print your admission ticket
 - Request testing accommodations
 - Test the computer or device you will use to take PreACT
 - Receive email updates from ACT about your registration
- Make changes to your registration
- Access your score report and activities for improving your academic readiness
- Update your student profile and view your account history

Am I eligible for a fee waiver?

If you are testing on a national test date and can't afford the registration fee for PreACT, you may be eligible for an ACT Fee Waiver. Information about the eligibility requirements and how to request a fee waiver is sent each summer to high schools. You should work with your local high school to determine your eligibility.

You must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Currently enrolled in 10th grade.
2. Either a United States citizen or testing in the US, US territories, or Puerto Rico.
3. Meet one or more indicators of economic need listed on the ACT Fee Waiver form.

If you are eligible, you may use a maximum of **two** separate fee waivers total. The waiver is used once you register, even if you do not test on the requested test date.

You cannot request a fee waiver directly from ACT; you must contact your high school counselor. If you receive a PreACT Fee Waiver Form, follow the "Student Directions" on it for your registration method.

Can registration fees be refunded if I am unable to test?

If you decide you do not want to test, your basic registration fee and any additional service fees (e.g. late registration, test center change) are nonrefundable.

Why aren't there any test centers close to where I live?

ACT works to have test centers available in areas where there are/have been enough examinees to warrant establishment of a test center. We must depend on the willingness of school personnel to make this opportunity available. You might want to encourage your school to provide space and staff for a test site in the future.

Is Sunday testing available?

Sunday testing is available **only** for students who cannot test on a Saturday because of religious convictions. If a test center in your area offers Sunday testing, that option will be listed when you select your test center and test date during registration.

Can I change my test date or test center on test day?

No. In order to be admitted to the test center, you must bring a printed copy of your admission ticket with the correct test center and test date listed. If you bring a ticket for another test date or a different test center, you will not be admitted.

If I miss the registration deadline, can I go to the test center anyway and test on a standby basis?

No. Standby testing is not permitted for PreACT. Test center personnel are instructed to admit only those students who appear on the roster. This policy is strictly enforced, so please register by the registration deadline.

What happens if there is bad weather on test day?

Listen to the local radio or television station that normally carries school announcements. If the test administration is canceled at your test center, there will be an announcement and the administration will be rescheduled. ACT will also notify you by e-mail as soon as your rescheduled test date information is finalized. All test centers being rescheduled are listed here, along with further information.

If your test center stays open, but you are unable to travel to the test center due to severe weather, call ACT Customer Care at 877.861.3003 during the week after your originally scheduled test date to change to a future test date.

What time is the test?

Testing begins at 9:00 a.m. A short break is scheduled after the first two tests. Students taking PreACT in standard time rooms are normally dismissed at about 11:15 p.m. For more information about what to expect on test day, see PreACT Test Day Tips.

How do I get to the test center?

The street address for the test center is printed on your admission ticket. If the test center has provided additional information like driving directions to ACT, they will also be printed on your admission ticket.

What if I've lost or do not have my ticket?

If you are unable to find your ticket sign back into MyACT and print another copy.

You will NOT be allowed to test if you don't bring a printed copy of your admission ticket to the test center on test day.

Your ticket also contains helpful information such as the time, test date, and test center where you are to report. It may also include messages specific to your test center, such as where to park or which building or entrance to use. Please read your ticket carefully prior to test day.

What accommodations are available for students with disabilities?

ACT is committed to serving English language learners and students with documented disabilities by providing accessibility tools and accommodations appropriate to the student's needs. A detailed list of available accessibility tools and accommodations can be viewed when you register for PreACT.

Can I use a Calculator?

You may bring a permitted calculator to be used on the math test only. It is your responsibility to know whether your calculator is permitted. Please refer to the ACT Calculator Policy. To make it even easier to figure out, you are not required to use a calculator at all.

When will my scores be available?

Your PreACT scores will be available online about one week after you test. You will receive an email notification when your scores are ready. ACT will not send you a physical copy of your scores or send your scores to any other entities.

If I have questions, who should I call?

Call ACT Customer Care at 877.861.3003; 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Central Time, Monday – Friday