

Why Take the ACT?

- The ACT® test is accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States.
- The ACT is based on information you are learning in high school.
- The ACT is more than a test. The information you provide when you register, along with your ACT results, can help you plan for life after high school.
- The ACT is a good value. The ACT offers both a college admissions test and a career planning component.

What You Need to Know Before You Register

Choosing Your Test Option

Two test options are available:

1. **The ACT (No Writing)**, which is made up of four multiple-choice tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science.
2. **The ACT Plus Writing**, which includes the four multiple-choice tests plus a 30-minute Writing Test. Check www.actstudent.org for a searchable list of colleges that have told us about their policies—whether they require, recommend, or do not need results from the ACT Writing Test.

Choosing Your Test Date

- Keep in mind the deadlines of the colleges and scholarship programs you are considering.
- You cannot expect to receive your scores from one test date in time to register for the next one.

Retest Restriction

You may take the ACT no more than 12 times total. This restriction applies even if your scores from a test date are cancelled by you or by ACT. See www.actstudent.org for more information.

You may not receive scores from more than one test date per national administration (Saturday, non-Saturday, or rescheduled test date arranged by ACT). If you are admitted and allowed to test a second time, we will report only the scores from the first test. The second set of scores will be cancelled without refund.

When You're Ready to Register

Create Your ACT Web Account

Before you can register, you will need to create your free ACT Web account at www.actstudent.org. This account also allows you to:

- Change your Test Option, Test Date, or Test Center.
- Add, change, or delete college choices.
- Receive e-mail updates from ACT about your registration.
- View your scores and score report at no charge.
- Request and pay for score reports to additional colleges after you test.

Special Circumstances

If any of these situations apply to you, please read the information below BEFORE registering. You may need different instructions or materials.

Do You Need a Fee Waiver?

If you cannot afford to pay the basic fee, ask your high school counselor if you are eligible for an ACT Fee Waiver.

Do Your Religious Beliefs Prohibit Saturday Testing?

Non-Saturday test centers are noted at www.actstudent.org. If a non-Saturday center is scheduled within 50 miles of your home on any test date, register for that center on that test date. (If not, see below.)

No Test Center within 50 Miles of Your Home on Any Test Date?

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Are You Homebound or Confined on All Test Dates?

Go to www.actstudent.org for information on how to request Arranged Testing.

Do You Have a Diagnosed Disability that Requires Test Accommodations?

Before you try to register, click on the "Students with Disabilities" link at www.actstudent.org for information about:

Center Testing #1: Standard Time with Accommodations

Center Testing #2: Extended Time (50% time extension)

Special Testing: For students who require more than 50% time extension, need to test over multiple days, or need to test with alternate formats such as Braille, cassettes or audio DVDs, or a reader.

Follow the on-screen instructions to request the type of accommodations you need.

After You Register

Your Admission Ticket

As soon as your test center assignment is confirmed, you will be prompted to print your admission ticket. **You must bring a printed copy of your admission ticket with you to the test center on test day.** It has information you will need to accurately complete your answer document. Otherwise, your scores will be delayed.

Identification Required

Acceptable identification must be presented at check-in or you will not be admitted to test. For detailed information, review your admission ticket or go to www.actstudent.org.

Standby Testing

If you miss the late registration deadline for a test date, you can try to test as a standby on test day.

What You Need to Know

- You are **not** guaranteed admission.
- Test center schedules are subject to change. To find out which centers are scheduled to test on your test date, check www.actstudent.org.
- Test centers admit standbys on a first-come, first-admitted basis and **only** if there is space available after all registered students have been admitted for their test option.
- Because advance arrangements are required, standby examinees cannot request accommodations.
- You will not be able to add, change, or cancel score reports.
- If you try to test standby for a non-Saturday test center, you must bring a letter from your cleric or a notarized statement to verify your religious beliefs prohibit Saturday testing. You will not be admitted to test without it.
- Scores for standby students take longer. Scores cannot be reported until both the standby request submitted at the test center and the answer document have been processed and computer matched.

What You Must Do

1. Create or log in to your ACT Web account.
2. Write down the ACT ID you are assigned.
3. Download and print the Standby Request Form.
4. Fill out the entire form completely and accurately. If you do not provide an accurate and legible ACT ID, you will not receive scores.
5. Arrive at the test center **before** 8:00 a.m. with your completed form and acceptable identification. You will not be admitted to test without them.
6. **Do not bring payment to the test center.** If you are admitted to test, we will bill you the appropriate fees.

Preparing for Test Day

Go to www.actstudent.org for the following information:

- **Details about permitted and prohibited calculators.**
- *Preparing for the ACT*, which includes a complete practice test and specific strategies for each test.
- Information about ACT Online Prep™ and *The Real ACT Prep Guide*.

Questions?

Click on the "FAQs" link at www.actstudent.org. Use the FAQs to find the answers to questions such as:

- How can I make changes to my registration?
- How can I add, change, or cancel my score report choices?
- What should I bring to the test center on test day?
- What are my options if I miss the test date?

Choose "Send a question by e-mail" if you can't find your question in the FAQs.

Making Changes to Your Registration

You can request and pay for the changes below through your ACT Web account before the registration deadline for that test date. If you make a Test Date Change during the late period, you must pay the additional late fee.

Test Center Change: For the same test date.

Test Date Change: If you do not test on your original test date.

Test Option Change: Add or drop the ACT Writing Test.

If you miss the deadline, you can try to make a change on test day. Take your admission ticket to your preferred test center on your preferred test date and tell the test supervisor what change you want to make. If space is available, you will be allowed to make the change, and we will bill you for all fees due.

ACT Fees 2011–2012

You must use a valid American Express, DISCOVER, MasterCard, or VISA (or waiver/voucher, if applicable) to register online. Fees are nonrefundable unless noted with an asterisk.

Basic Fee per Test Option

(includes up to four valid college codes listed when you register)

ACT (No Writing) \$34.00

ACT Plus Writing \$49.50*

*\$15.50 fee for the Writing Test is refundable if you are absent on test day or you change your Test Option to the ACT (No Writing) before testing begins.

Test center change (for same test date) + \$21.00

Other Fees

Re-registration by phone
(to retake the test) Basic Fee + \$13.00

Standby testing Basic Fee + \$42.00

Test Date Change additional \$21.00

(For different date only if you do not test on the original date.) You will be charged the basic fee for your test option plus \$21.00. Your basic fee for the original test date will be promptly refunded.

Late Fee
..... Basic Fee or Test Date Change Fee + \$21.00

Test Information Release (December, April, June test dates only) Basic Fee + \$18.00*

Score Reporting Fees

5th and 6th college codes (if requested before the test date) Basic Fee + \$10.00* each

Additional Score Reports

Click on "Send Your Scores" at www.actstudent.org for fees and delivery options.

*Check our website for information on how to request a refund.