



What do you need to know for 2016–17?

Enhancements

The ACT® test has been continually improved over the years to keep it relevant, effective, and grounded in research, without the need for radical or sweeping changes. As previously announced, there are several enhancements that will launch in September 2016, including:

■ Redesigned Reports

The enhanced score reports will allow users to better navigate results using more visuals, in addition to text, to provide more meaningful insights and interpretations. ACT applied user-centered design through collaboration with more than 3,400 students, parents, educators, and higher education professionals throughout the redesign process.

■ Reporting Categories to Replace Subscores

ACT will continue to report English, mathematics, reading, and science subject scores. Subscores, such as Algebra/Coordinate Geometry, however, will no longer be reported. Reporting categories will provide more detailed information on similar skills within each subject.

■ The ACT Readiness Range

Each reporting category will also show the ACT Readiness Ranges which will enable students to more easily see how their performance compares to students who have met the ACT College Readiness Benchmark for that specific subject.

■ Interest-Major Fit Level

This score indicates if a student's interests fit the college major he or she plans to enter.

■ The Career Connector

ACT is simplifying how students can start to explore careers using the Career Connector. The simplified version of the ACT Career Map is designed to visually display students' work-relevant interests, along with examples of occupations that involve the kinds of work tasks they indicated that they enjoy.

■ STEM Benchmark

As the only college and career readiness assessment that includes a science test, the ACT is able to provide students with a STEM score to compare with a validated STEM Benchmark to understand student readiness for STEM college coursework. Meeting the Benchmark relates not only to succeeding in individual math and science courses, but also to achieving longer-term outcomes compared to others who did not.

Learn more about these enhancements to ACT reporting, review sample reports, and find supporting resources and training opportunities at www.act.org/theact/enhancements. We also encourage you to sign up for email updates there to stay current on ACT enhancements.

ACT National Registration Fees for 2016–17

Basic fee per test option (including reports for up to four colleges if valid codes are listed at the time of registration):

ACT (no writing) – \$42.50

ACT (with writing) – \$58.50

ACT Writing Test Score Reporting Updates

In fall of 2015, ACT introduced enhancements to the design and reporting of the ACT writing test. These enhancements provided additional insight on student writing including four domain scores showing student achievement within writing and an overall ACT writing subject score on a 1–36 scale. The 1–36 scale caused confusion among users who sought to interpret the writing score alongside scores earned on other ACT subject tests. To reduce confusion, ACT is taking the following steps with writing scores starting in September 2016:

- Score reports for test events administered on or after September 2016 will no longer report writing scores on the 1–36 scale, which caused the confusion.
- For test events beginning in September 2016, the overall reported writing score will change to be the rounded average of the four writing domain scores having a score range of 2–12.
- We will be providing additional clarity to the writing task instructions. However, the task itself will not change.
- The four writing domain 2–12 scores (sum of 1–6 raw scores from 2 raters) will continue to be reported as they are now.
- The English Language Arts (ELA) score, which combines the student's achievement on the English, reading, and writing tests, will remain on a 1–36 scale.
- The writing test task will not be changed or scored differently.

Test Accommodations Request Now Submitted Online

ACT is introducing a new online Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) for students needing accommodations to access the ACT. With the new system, students who apply for accommodations on the ACT will be able to complete their registration online and then work with their school counselor or other school official to request accommodations. Through TAA, school officials will submit accommodations requests for students who attend their school and will also have the ability to monitor each examinee's request status, access decision notifications, and request reconsideration, if necessary. Once the student has registered for an ACT test date, school officials can access TAA at <https://readiness.act.org>.

New ACT Test Prep Options

ACT Kaplan Online Prep Live offers students all the benefits of ACT Online Prep™, plus an interactive teaching experience from Kaplan Test Prep including engaging instruction, live learning, archived sessions for on-demand reviewing, and real questions and sample materials from previous ACT tests. It is available for free to students who register for a national test date with a fee waiver.

PreACT™ offers a unique and affordable way to provide 10th grade students with practice for the high-stakes ACT test in a low-stakes environment. It is now available for schools, districts, and states to order for the 2016–17 school year. PreACT can be ordered at www.act.org/preact.

Complimentary Webinars—Understand and Maximize ACT Report Information

ACT offers many opportunities for customers to better understand how to use ACT reports to inform student counseling regarding educational and career plans and college and career readiness. Webinars are offered year-round and with topics including: "Introduction to The ACT High School Report" and "Introduction to The ACT Profile Report." Learn more and register for a 60-minute webinar at www.act.org/aap/resources/index.html.

Request for Waiver or Deferral of College Admission Application Fees

Many colleges and universities will consider waiving or deferring the admission application fee for students who have been granted an ACT Fee Waiver. To facilitate consideration of such requests, ACT has provided a request form for high school counselors to photocopy and complete for students. Individual institutions are not obligated to waive or defer their admission application fees for any particular applicants. This form is located on our Educator and Counselor Resources page (www.act.org/aap/resources/index.html) in the results section.

ACT Engage® Available for Individual Purchase

Beginning this fall, ACT Engage will be available for purchase by parents and students. ACT Engage is a complete checkup that identifies attitudes and behaviors of strengths and weaknesses, when combined with academic tests indicate where and how a student can best succeed in school. We have included an information sheet for you to share with students or parents who would benefit from this assessment.



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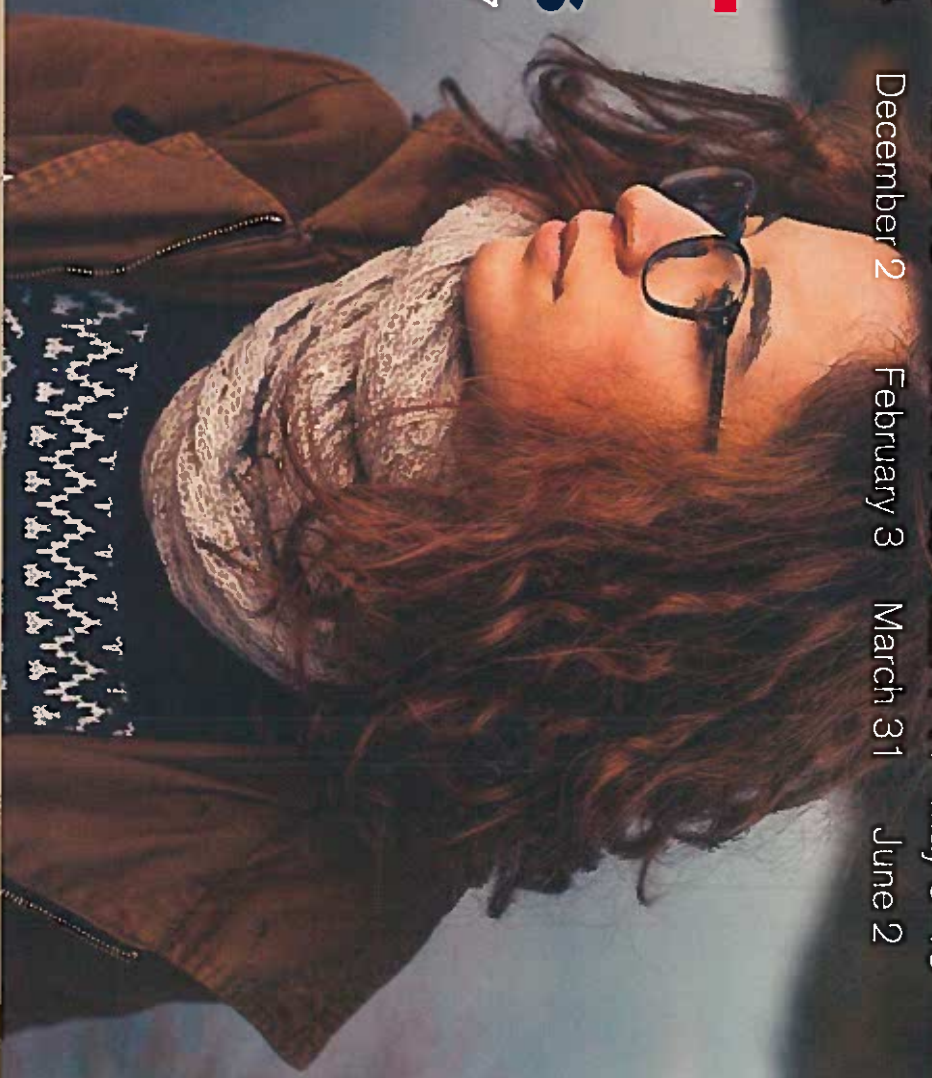
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE**	August 5	September 16	November 4	January 13	March 3	May 5
LATE REGISTRATION PERIOD**	Aug. 6-19	Sept. 17-30	Nov. 5-18	Jan. 14-20	Mar. 4-17	May 6-19
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National Test Dates

2016/2017



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* No test centers are scheduled in New York for the February test date.
** All materials sent by mail must be RECEIVED by the last date of the late period, regardless of when they are postmarked.
If you miss the late registration for a test date, you can still try to test standby.

What you need to know to take the ACT® test

Create your ACT account

Go to www.actstudent.org and sign up or log in to your ACT account

- Select your test date and test option (ACT or ACT with writing).
- Check the list of colleges that require or recommend the optional ACT writing test.
- Select your test center.
- Upload your photo.
- Request accommodations—check the ACT website before you register.

Choose your college reports

- Send up to four score reports for free when you register. (Note: Additional score reports can be ordered later.)
- ACT scores are accepted by all four-year US colleges and universities.

Change your registration

- Use your account to change test date, test option, or test center and to send more score reports to colleges.

Take advantage of helpful resources

- The ACT test is based on what you learn in high school.
- Give yourself a boost with free and low-cost test prep options at www.actstudent.org.

Prepare for test day

- Review the ACT calculator policy to make sure your calculator is approved.
- Check the website for what you need to bring to the test center.

TEST FEES*

ACT **\$42.50**

ACT with writing **\$58.50**

* If you cannot afford the test fee, ask your counselor about requesting a fee waiver.

Receive your scores

- Get your scores through your ACT account. Scores are normally reported 2–8 weeks after you test (5–8 weeks for ACT with writing).
- Your scores may not come in time for you to decide if you want to register for the next test date.

Understand your complete score report

- You are “more than just a score” and your ACT score report confirms that. The report has information about your needs, interests, and possible career options that you can share with colleges.

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