

Changes to the ACT beginning in September 2020

Beginning with the September 2020 ACT® test, we will be introducing ACT® Section Retesting, ACT® Superscoring, and Faster Results with ACT® Online Testing on National Test Dates.

ACT Section Retesting

ACT Section Retesting helps students focus study efforts on individual subjects that are part of the ACT test (English, math, reading, science, or writing) without having to study for the entire test again. ACT Section Retesting is available to all students who have taken the full ACT test. Students can retake one or more single-section subject tests at approved ACT test centers across the US, to improve their scores.

ACT Superscoring

To support the growing trend of students taking the ACT test multiple times, score report options will now provide the option for students to send their best ACT test results to colleges and include a calculated ACT Superscore. Superscoring allows students to submit their highest scores for college admission and scholarship purposes. The Superscore is a recalculation which shows the highest possible composite score across multiple ACT tests and ACT Section Retests. It reflects the average of the four best subject scores from each of the student's ACT test attempts.

Faster Results with Online Testing

Students will get to choose between online testing and paper testing.

Online ACT Testing will allow ACT's testing experience to better align with how today's students often prefer to learn and the mode they prefer for testing. Starting in September 2020, students will be able to choose to take the ACT test online or with paper. Giving students a choice allows them to focus on what's most important: doing their best on the test. Students who take the test online will get faster test results. In fact, students will receive their multiple-choice test scores and ACT Composite score as early as two business days after the test date. This allows students to make better, more informed, and timely decisions about the schools and scholarships to which they apply.

Fee Waivers

Starting in September 2020, students who currently test with a fee waiver will now receive a total of four fee waivers to use on a full ACT test or a section retest. It will be up to the student to decide how they would like to use their four waivers, as long as they have taken a full ACT test before they register for a section retest.

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