What’s New for the ACT? Fall 2019

These are enhancements to systems, services, and products to better serve you.

Administration Type on Test Booklet Covers
Test booklets for the ACT® test now have “Standard Administration” and “ACT-Authorized Accommodations Administration” printed on the front cover to help you distinguish one from the other.

- Standard Administration
- ACT-Authorized Accommodations Administration

Note: If examinees test with the wrong test materials, they will not receive scores. Mixing standard and accommodations materials together or returning them in the wrong polymailer or carton will delay scores.

Required Number of Proctors
The number of proctors needed for the administration has decreased. For standard administrations, in addition to the room supervisor, one proctor is needed for rooms with 31–60 examinees. For accommodations and/or EL supports administrations, one proctor is needed for rooms with 21–40 examinees, unless additional proctors are authorized by ACT. If your state or district has a stricter proctor policy, you should abide by that policy. See the topic, “Proctor Role” in the administration manual for additional information.

Gender Fields on the Answer Document
The answer document now includes two additional gender options. These are, “Another Gender” and “Prefer Not to Respond.”

Accommodations and/or English Learner (EL) Supports
You may notice that the term “ACT-approved” accommodations and/or EL supports has subtly shifted to, “ACT-authorized” accommodations and/or EL supports, and accommodations and/or EL supports authorized by ACT. This is to help clarify what needs to be requested using the Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA).

Accommodations and EL supports that are authorized by ACT and need to be requested in TAA include (and are not limited to):
- Extended time
- Stop-the-clock breaks
- A reader or transcriber
- Alternate formats, such as audio, braille, and large type
- Use of an approved word-to-word bilingual dictionary
- Written translations of test booklet instructions, currently available in 12 languages

Arrangements and supports authorized by the school test coordinator and are not requested in TAA include:
- Small group or individual testing
- Wheelchair access
- Seating at the front of the room
- Access to food, drink, or medication (based on medical needs)
- Color filters/overlays
- A sign language interpreter to sign verbal instructions
- Written verbal instructions
- Visual notification of time remaining
- Assistance transferring responses to an answer document

Non-college reportable accommodations are also authorized by the school test coordinator. The TC orders these materials, including any alternate formats, in PearsonAccessnext.