



North Carolina 2021-2022 Testing Program Comparison

This chart presents an overview of some key administration elements and how they compare between the programs. For complete information, including the *Schedule of Events* for each program, visit the testing website at www.act.org/stateanddistrict/northcarolina.

Category	PreACT®	The ACT® Fall 2021 Makeup Testing	The ACT® Spring 2022	ACT® WorkKeys®
Test Date or Window	October 11, 2021 – May 13, 2022	<p>Initial Test Date: -Standard Time: 10/5/2021 -Accommodations/Supports Window: 10/5/2021 – 10/15/2021</p> <p>Makeup Test Date: -Standard Time: 10/19/2021 -Accommodations/Supports Window: 10/19/2021 – 10/25/2021</p> <p>Emergency Test Date*: -Standard Time: 11/2/2021 -Accommodations/Supports Window: 11/2/2021–11/8/2021</p> <p><i>*Schools must obtain permission from the NCDPI to utilize the emergency test date.</i></p> <p>See the ACT <i>Schedule of Events</i> for complete dates.</p>	<p>Initial Test Date:</p> <p>Paper Testing -Standard Time: 3/1/2022 -Accommodations/Supports Window: 3/1/2022 – 3/11/2022</p> <p>Online Testing -Standard & Accommodated: 3/1/2022 – 3/3/2022 3/8/2022 – 3/10/2022</p> <hr/> <p>Makeup Test Date:</p> <p>Paper Testing -Standard Time: 3/15/2022 -Accommodations/Supports Window: 3/15/2022 – 3/25/2022</p> <p>Online Testing -Standard & Accommodated: 3/15/2022 – 3/17/2022 3/22/2022- 3/24/2022</p> <p>Emergency Test Date:</p> <p>Standard Time: 3/29/2022 Accommodations/Supports Window: March 29–31, April 1, and April 4–8, 2022</p>	<p>Fall 2021 Window: 11/15/2021-12/10/2021</p> <p>Spring 2022 Window: 2/22/2022-5/6/2022</p>

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Test Format	Paper	Paper only	Paper and Online	Required by the NCDPI Online; (paper available only for approved <i>Technology Hardship Request*</i> or due to accessibility needs) <i>*Technology Hardship Request submitted to the NCDPI for approval.</i>
Answer Document Supplement	Yes	Yes, one for paper testing.	Yes, one for paper testing	Yes, one for paper testing.
Ordering/Receiving Materials	School TC orders materials for paper testing in PearsonAccess ^{next} ™ at testadmin.act.org . Shipped to the school. See the PreACT <i>Schedule of Events</i> for ordering window.	School TC orders materials for paper testing in PearsonAccess ^{next} ™ at testadmin.act.org . Shipped to the school. See the ACT <i>Schedule of Events</i> for ordering window.	School TC orders materials for testing in PearsonAccess ^{next} ™ at testadmin.act.org . Shipped to the school. See the ACT <i>Schedule of Events</i> for ordering window.	Paper Testing After approval from the NCDPI, the school TC orders materials for paper testing in PearsonAccess ^{next} ™ at testadmin.act.org . Shipped to the school. See the ACT WorkKeys <i>Schedule of Events</i> for ordering window.
Returning Materials	School TC returns answer documents to be scored and voided answer documents, to ACT in a single shipment prior to the Answer Document Return Deadline (see the PreACT <i>Schedule of Events</i> for details) School gives the used test booklets to examinees with their score reports. Test booklets are not returned to ACT.	School TC returns ALL materials to ACT. Have materials ready for FedEx pick-up, scheduled by ACT, the day after test day/day after the test window closes. See the ACT <i>Schedule of Events</i> for scheduled pickup dates and answer document return deadlines.	School TC returns ALL materials to ACT. Have materials ready for FedEx pick-up, scheduled by ACT, the day after test day/day after the test window closes. See the ACT <i>Schedule of Events</i> for scheduled pickup dates and answer document return deadlines.	School TC returns ALL materials to ACT. Have materials ready for FedEx pick-up, previously arranged by ACT, the day after the test window closes.

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Accommodations and English Learner Supports	Local decision; ACT authorization not required.	ACT-Authorized Accommodations and/or English Learner Supports — ACT authorization required. Previously approved requests can be moved from spring 2021 to fall 2021. Find instructions and more information in the FAQ document . Submit requests in TAA at success.act.org . See the ACT <i>Schedule of Events</i> for deadlines.	ACT-Authorized Accommodations and/or English Learner Supports — ACT authorization required. Submit requests in TAA at success.act.org . See the ACT <i>Schedule of Events</i> for deadlines.	Local decision; ACT authorization not required.
		Non-College Reportable (NCR) Accommodations and/or English Learner Supports — ACT authorization not required.	Non-College Reportable (NCR) Accommodations and/or English Learner Supports — ACT authorization not required.	
Pre-recorded Audio Format	USB only	USB only	USB only	USB only
Text to Speech for Online Delivery	N/A	Not applicable for Fall Makeup Testing	Yes	Yes
Testing Relatives	No staff can be assigned to a room where a relative or ward is testing.	No staff can be assigned to a room where a relative or ward is testing. Test coordinator cannot have a relative or ward testing at any site in the state.	No staff can be assigned to a room where a relative or ward is testing. Test coordinator cannot have a relative or ward testing at any site in the state.	No staff can be assigned to a room where a relative or ward is testing. Test coordinator cannot have a relative or ward testing at the same site.
Proctors	Not required	Required if more than 30 examinees are in the room.	Required if more than 30 examinees are in the room.	Required if more than 30 examinees are in the room.
Test Coordinator State Testing Training	Required for all school test coordinators.	Required for all school test coordinators.	Required for all school test coordinators.	Required for all school test coordinators.

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Examinee Practice Resources	https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/pdfs/PreACT-Toolkit-WhyTake.pdf	https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/state-and-district-solutions/act-info-for-examinees.html	https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/state-and-district-solutions/act-info-for-examinees.html	Sample questions and online practice test available at www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/workkeys-for-job-seekers/preparation.html .
Data Reports and Student Score Reports	Near the end of the testing cycle see the <i>PreACT Reporting Schedule</i> .	Near the end of the testing cycle see the <i>ACT Reporting Schedule</i> .	Near the end of the testing cycle see the <i>ACT Reporting Schedule</i> .	See the ACT WorkKeys <i>Schedule of Events</i> .
Contacting ACT	800.525.3731 PreACT website PreACT Contact Form	ACT General Questions: 800.525.3731 or www.act.org/stateanddistrict/contactus Accommodations: 800.525.3731, press 2 ACTStateAccoms@act.org	ACT General Questions: 800.525.3731 or www.act.org/stateanddistrict/contactus Accommodations: 800.525.3731, press 2 ACTStateAccoms@act.org	800.525.3731, press 4 for WorkKeys

TC = Test Coordinator

TAA = Test Accessibility and Accommodations System