



ACCUPLACER Ability to Benefit Policy Changes August 2022

Frequently Asked Questions

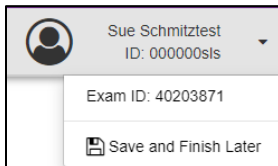
- 1. Where can I find the recording from the August 2, 2022, ATB webinar?**
Login to the ACCUPLACER Platform and navigate to Resources. The webinar recording is under the Ability to Benefit (ATB) header and titled, "Ability to Benefit (ATB) Policy Changes: Access passcode: Accu12345!"
- 2. The Branching Profile name is slightly different. Is it the same test(s)?**
Yes – while the description of the Branching Profile name is slightly different, the tests delivered to the student are the same as before the change in policy.
- 3. How do I know the student will get the right test in the retest Branching Profile?**
The student will be branched into the correct test based on how the student answers the background question "What test(s) do you need to take today?" The student will be required to check either Reading, Writing, or Math or any combination they need.
- 4. I have a student that tested for the second time on August 19, 2022 and failed. When can they retest?**
The new retest rule of every 14 days goes into effect on September 6, 2022. Any student that tested August 23, 2022, or before is eligible to retest on September 6, 2022. The 14 days are calendar days, not business days.
 - A retest can occur 14 days after the previous test administration start date when all exams are completed on the same day.*
 - A retest can occur 14 days after the previous test administration end date when using Save and Finish later.*
- 5. Why am I getting the error message, "You have reached the retest limit for the following test(s):" when I am trying to retest a student.**
This is due to the 14-day retest limits. ACCUPLACER instituted the platform retest functionality, and this message indicates the student has reached the retest limit for the test. You must wait the full 14 days before attempting to administer a retest.
- 6. Is there any way the student can retest before the 14 days?**
No - ACCUPLACER instituted the platform retest functionality within the ATB site and testing can't take place before the 14-day waiting period.
- 7. Why does a student need to wait 14 days to retest?**
ACCUPLACER tests have high test-retest reliability coefficients, a measure of the consistency of scores obtained by the same person when reexamined with the same test on different occasions.
 - This means if test takers retest without review and study, there's a high probability that their scores won't change appreciably.*
 - A review of ACCUPLACER data shows that 2 weeks (14 days) is the optimal waiting period because it allows adequate time for test takers to locate study materials and sufficient time to review them thoroughly.*



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- 8. If a student has an emergency or the test is taking longer than they have time for, can they use the Save and Finish Later functionality?**

Yes – Save and Finish Later can be found in the upper right corner of the screen under the carrot next to the student's name.



- 9. If a student uses Save and Finish Later, what is the maximum amount of time the student must complete the Branching Profile?**

After 14 days, the Branching Profile/Test Session will be forced closed by the ACCUPLACER Platform. The Test Session can be reopened on days 15-30 by using the 'Open' status under Manage Test Sessions.

- 10. Did the scores to be ATB eligible change?**

*No – the scores set by the U.S. Department of Education remain unchanged:
Reading 233, Writing 235, Arithmetic 230.*

- 11. Where can students find resources to prepare for the test/retest?**

*Web-based application - [Practice.ACCUPLACER.org](https://practice.accumplacer.org)
Learning Resources - <https://accumplacer.pearsonperspective.com/perspective/>
(passphrase accu_edu)*

- 12. When will the ATB User Guide be updated?**

The new guide will be posted in ACCUPLACER Resources on September 6, 2022.

- 13. Do I need to recertify as a proctor before I can proctor an ATB test under the new policies?**

No, you won't need to take the new certification test until your regular 1-year renewal date.

- 14. Will the study material and certification test be different?**

Yes, the content has been adjusted to reflect the new policies.

- 15. Who do I contact if I have additional questions?**

Email ACCUPLACERatb@collegeboard.org - please allow 3-5 days for a response.

- 16. Who do I contact if I have a question that requires an immediate response?**

[Click here to contact support](#). Be sure to identify your question as Ability to Benefit (ATB) specific.