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SAT

SAT registration Fee

The SAT registration fee is \$60. Some students are eligible for a <u>fee waiver</u> If you're eligible for a fee waiver, you can take the SAT for free.

Eligibility https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/fee-waivers/feewaiver-eligibility

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SAT Fee Waivers – SAT Suite | College Board

Benefits

Free Tests and Feedback

2 free SAT tests

2 chances to access answer services

Free College Benefits

Unlimited score reports to send to colleges

Waived application fees at participating colleges

Free CSS ProfileTM applications to apply for financial aid from participating schools

Other Benefits

No non-U.S. regional fees for free tests (if you're a U.S. student testing abroad)

No late registration fees for free tests (if you're in the U.S. or U.S. territories)

No cancellation fees (upon cancellation, your unused fee waiver benefits will be returned to you)

Fee reductions for score verification reports

https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/fee-waivers/fee-waiver-benefits

1. Waiver code from School Counselor

Getting a Fee Waiver

The College Board sends out fee waivers to high school counselors, so your counselor should notify you of your eligibility and give you a form.

You can't obtain one yourself; you need to get the fee waiver from your counselor or another eligible administrator.

Make sure you talk to your counselor well before the <u>registration date of your test date</u> so that you don't get charged late fees!

This is especially important if you're not on Free and Reduced Lunch, but you believe you meet one or more of the other criteria and can **provide supporting documentation.**

Your fee waiver will be a card that looks something like this:

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2. Waiver through College Board

Starting in late Fall 2023, you can also apply directly for fee waiver benefits using the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form which you'll find at sat.org/fee-waivers. Once you answer a few questions, you may receive approval for fee waiver benefits within a few days. We may also need to confirm your eligibility with an adult. Once approved, the fee waiver benefits will be applied to your College Board account and you will be able to register for SAT Weekend using a fee waiver code (See Registration).

<u>SAT Fee Waivers – SAT Suite | College Board</u> <u>sat-fee-waiver-student-brochure.pdf (collegeboard.org)</u>

ACT

The ACT (no writing)	\$68.00	Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges (if codes are provided when you register).
The ACT with writing	\$93.00	Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges (if codes are provided when you register). More about the ACT with writing

What is included in the ACT Fee Waiver Program?

ACT Test Fees Are Covered

The registration fee for up to four ACT tests, with or without the optional writing test for National testing, is covered.

You do not have to pay anything to take the ACT!

ACT Eligibility for fee waivers

- Eligibility and steps https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration/fees/fee-waivers.html
- Be currently enrolled in high school in the 11th or 12th grade.
- Be testing in the United States, US territories, or Puerto Rico.
- Meet one or more of the indicators of economic need listed below:
 - o Enrolled in a federal free or reduced-price lunch program at school, based on US Department of Agriculture (USDA) income levels.
 - Enrolled in a program for the economically disadvantaged (for example, a federally funded program such as GEAR UP or Upward Bound). *Note: If the student participates in a program, but is not economically disadvantaged, they are not eligible for a fee waiver.*
 - Resides in a foster home, is a ward of the state, or is homeless.
 - o Family receives low-income public assistance or lives in federally subsidized public housing.
- Family's total annual income is at or below USDA levels for free or reduced-price lunches on the USDA Food and Nutrition Service website.

STEPS

- 1. Check with your school counselor to see if you are eligible to apply.
- 2. Once your school counselor determines if you are eligible, you can receive up to four fee waivers to take the ACT test for free and you will receive free learning resources.
- 3. When you register for the ACT online or by mail, use your ACT fee waiver code

AP

\$98 per exam at schools in the U.S., U.S. territories, Canada, and all DoDEA schools.

The College Board provides a \$36 fee reduction per AP Exam for eligible students with financial need. Schools are expected to forgo their \$9 rebate for these students, resulting in a cost of \$53 per exam (for international: \$83 per exam; for AP Seminar or AP Research Exams: \$101). The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will pay \$32 per AP Exam, including AP Seminar and AP Research Exams. Schools are also expected to forgo their \$9 rebate for these students.

Final AP Exam fee for fee-reduced students for each AP Exam (except AP Seminar and AP Research Exams): \$21 (\$98-\$36-\$32-\$9)

Fee Reduction Eligibility Criteria

The AP coordinator must determine eligibility using the criteria below.

https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/ordering-fees/exam-fees/reductions

Before the exams:

For your invoice to accurately reflect any fee reductions, the AP coordinator must indicate the fee reduction status for each eligible student

For each student who is eligible for the <u>College Board fee reduction</u>, check the box for Reduced Fee next to their name in the student roster.

For students who aren't eligible for the fee reduction, no action is needed.

AP Fee Reduction Eligibility Criteria

- There are a few different ways a student can qualify for an AP Fee Reduction. Per_the <u>College Board website</u>, if a student meets any of the following criteria, they will automatically qualify if:
- They are enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., Federal TRIO programs such as Upward Bound).
- The student's family receives public assistance.
- They live in federally subsidized public housing or a foster home or are homeless.
- The student is a ward of the state or an orphan.
- The student or their family is participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or in some states, Medicaid benefits.
- They receive free meals at their high school, and don't attend a school where every student receives free meals by default.
- · unhoused, migrant, runaway, or in foster care, or
- enrolled in a federally funded Head Start Program
- The AP coordinator must determine eligibility using the criteria below.
- https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/ordering-fees/exam-fees/reductions

Your school's AP coordinator must take the following steps. Before the exams:

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For each student who is eligible for the College Board fee reduction, check the box for Reduced

Fee next to their name in the student roster.

For students who aren't eligible for the fee reduction, no action is needed.

Fee reduction status is indicated only once per student, not for each exam.

A best practice is to indicate fee reduction status for each student by the time you submit your exam order. However, if you need more time to verify this information, you can update students' fee reduction status through AP Registration and Ordering after submitting your exam order, but no later than April 30, 2024 (11:59 p.m. ET).

Specific instructions for **homeschooled** students testing at public schools:

Homeschooled students testing at public schools in Texas are not eligible for the TEA subsidy of \$32 per exam. The Texas state subsidies are only provided for students enrolled in public schools.

Homeschooled students who qualify are still eligible to receive the College Board fee

reduction of \$36 per exam.

For each homeschooled student who is eligible for the College Board fee reduction, check the box for Reduced Fee next to their name in the student roster.

CLEP

<u>CLEP info</u> Earn College Credit with CLEP – CLEP | College Board

CLEP exams are administered year-round on a flexible schedule. Exams cost only \$93 plus your test center or remote proctoring administration fee, compared to hundreds of dollars per course credit at a college.

Fee waivers:

Military: To help military service members as well as eligible spouses and civil service employees reach their education goals, the U.S. government fully funds CLEP exams and administration fees so you can save money toward your degree.

Option 1: Through College Board

https://clep.collegeboard.org/state-funding

In general, any student who's eligible for free or reduced-price lunch through the National School Lunch Program is also eligible for a reduced-price CLEP voucher.

The standard cost for each CLEP exam voucher for the 2023–24 academic year is \$93 for non-low-income students. Due to funding available from the Department of Education in each of these states, the cost for eligible low-income students is:

Michigan: \$5, West Virginia: \$5, Ohio: \$0

Schools can cover the costs of CLEP exams for their students by ordering vouchers through the My CLEP Professional Portal

Option 2: Through Modern States:

https://homeschoolingforcollegecredit.org/2019/01/29/take-a-clep-for-free/

Students enroll for Modern State Courses

Students who score over 75% can request a voucher to test.

Students use the MS voucher to purchase the test.

Students submit score and proctoring fee receipt along with the reimbursement request. (<u>CLEP Test Center Reimbursement - Modern States</u>)

Students will receive a check.

Please note: It may take up to 10 business days for your voucher request to be processed.

- 1. Create an account at www.modernstates.org.
- **2.** Choose a class from the Modern States catalog.
- **3. Enroll and complete** the course. View the videos (or read the transcripts) and answer all of the practice questions. You can view your progress in the class by choosing the progress tab at the top of the screen.
- 4. Request a voucher when you've completed 100% of the course. You will need to upload a screenshot of your course progress. You should receive an email from Modern States with the voucher code within a few days.
- 5. Register for the CLEP exam using the voucher number you received. Add the voucher number at the checkout (see the image below). Your total will be \$0. Print the CLEP Exam Registration Ticket. Bring this to the testing center.
- **6. Make an appointment** at your <u>local testing center</u> to take the exam OR at home using remote proctoring (age 13+ required for remote proctoring) Your Exam Registration Ticket expires six months from the date your order it. You can take the exam any time before it expires.
- 7. Take the CLEP exam.

If you are using a testing center, you will need to bring the **Exam Registration Ticket**, a valid ID, and money for the test center fee. (Make sure that you get a receipt for the test center fee! My test center receipt always lists the wrong test -the Accuplacer- but it has always been accepted by Modern States.) **Submit a <u>reimbursement request</u>** for the test center fee. You will need to attach a copy of your score report and the test center fee receipt in addition to providing the CLEP voucher number you received in step 4.

CERTIPORT

Voucher policies

- Voucher prices may vary by CATC (Certiport Authorized Testing Center).
- Proctor and/or other testing center fees may apply. Ensure you have discussed all applicable fees with the testing center prior to sitting for the exam.
- CATCs handle the scheduling of all exams. Contact your desired testing center to schedule your exam.
- All Certiport exam programs are not necessarily available at every CATC. Ensure your chosen testing center is set up and prepared to deliver your desired exam prior to scheduling.
- Once you have purchased your voucher you may assign it to yourself (see <u>assignment of vouchers</u> section below) which prevents the voucher from being redeemed by anyone other than the test candidate to whom it was assigned.
- All vouchers must be used by their expiration dates (in CT: Central Time), without exception, and cannot be extended for any reason. All vouchers and retake vouchers expire at 11:59:59 P.M. CT on the day of the expiration date.
- Each alpha-numeric code may be used to take one exam. Once the exam begins, the voucher becomes void and cannot be reused or reassigned.
- A voucher is not valid if altered or revised in any way and cannot be redeemed for cash, credit, or refund.
- Some vouchers are also available with a retake option. Vouchers with retakes are sold separately, and retake codes alone do not exist for purchase. See next section for retake voucher specific policies.

Purchasing an exam voucher

For test candidates within the U.S., contact the Certiport Authorized Testing Center (CATC) before purchasing a voucher to ensure you are aware of their policies. If the CATC instructs you to obtain your own voucher, you may purchase a voucher by following these instructions:

- 1. Start by registering as a **Test Candidate** at <u>Certiport.com</u>.
- 2. Once registered, you'll be directed to the **My Certiport** landing page.
- 3. From here you can access the Certiport <u>Store</u> by mousing over the **Take an Exam** button and clicking on the orange **Purchase Exam Voucher** button below your transcript.

For Test Candidates outside the U.S., contact the CATC directly for pricing. For first-time buyers, contact the Solution Provider in your area.

Best practices

- Test candidates should be encouraged to redeem their vouchers, or sit for a retake, well before the expiration date if possible. All vouchers and retake vouchers expire at 11:59:59 P.M. CT on the day of the expiration date.
- Once a test candidate has obtained a voucher, they should <u>assign</u> it to themselves immediately.
- Ensure you are in possession of a voucher prior to sitting for an exam. If a test candidate has not assigned it to themselves they should write or print out the code and bring it with them in to the testing room.