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Allowable Resources

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Allowable Resources

In addition to special testing accommodations, there are a number of allowable resources in the form of test administration procedures and materials that an examinee may use if needed. Some of these resources are items (such as earplugs, magnifying glasses, or seat cushions) that the examinee may bring into the testing room. Allowable resources also include alternate formats of the TASC Test (such as Braille or large-print editions) that the testing center makes available to the examinee if the examinee has provided prior notification of the need.

A list of allowable resources is provided in the following table.

There is an important distinction between allowable resources and special testing accommodations. Allowable resources do not require formal approval for use—they may be provided to examinees upon request, although prior notice may be necessary for the testing center to prepare. Special testing accommodations, on the other hand, must be formally approved by Data Recognition Corporation. Examinees may request special accommodations by submitting a TASC Test *Special Testing Accommodations Request Form* that can be downloaded from the TASC Test website at <http://www.tasctest.com>.

Allowable resources that the examinee brings into the testing center must be inspected by the Examiner. Examiners will ensure that such items do not contain inappropriate information that might be used during testing or materials that provide examinees with the means to record, copy, or otherwise disseminate information about test content after testing.

Allowable resources are resources that examinees also use in their regular classroom experiences, whether for classroom learning or assessment. Thus, if the examinee does not have access to specific allowable resources during regular classroom learning or assessment, then the examinee should not expect to have access to those allowable resources during the TASC Test.

Special testing accommodations and allowable resources should only be used during standardized assessments when examinees are familiar with their use. Using allowable resources that are not regularly used in examinees' regular educational environments may have a negative effect on the testing experience due to the use of unfamiliar materials, and this practice is not recommended.

In incarcerated settings, security protocols may prohibit some allowable resources that might be allowed in other settings. Thus, some allowable resources described in TASC Test documentation may not be available to all examinees. Also, states may prohibit certain allowable resources when such resources are against state policy.

Allowable Resources

Tools and Materials Considered Allowable under Standard Administration Conditions



Following is a list of allowable tools, procedures, and materials that individual examinees may be accustomed to using to support test taking to maintain focus, facilitate reading of test materials, support physical comfort, etc. All allowable resources that the examinee brings to the testing center are subject to inspection by the Examiner. Although some allowable resources call for completion of a *Prior Notification Form* so that the testing center can, if possible, support the request during the scheduled testing session, allowable resources do not require formal approval for use.

The list of allowable resources and the *Prior Notification Form* are available for download from the TASC Test website at <http://www.tasctest.com>. TASC Test examinees should submit the *Prior Notification Form* to the Test Coordinator at their testing center when scheduling the testing date.

Examinees who require the following equipment or devices, when medically necessary, are not required to receive formal approval for use during the testing: hearing aids, eyeglasses, medication (unwrapped), bandages, inhalers, insulin pumps, oxygen tanks, arm braces, casts, canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, motorized scooters, body braces, prosthetic devices, service animals. Other devices or equipment that are requested for use during the testing should be described in the TASC Test *Special Testing Accommodations Request Form* unless they are listed below.

Tool/Material	Paper-Based Test (PBT)	Computer-Based Test (CBT)
Alternate Formats and Languages	<p>The TASC paper-based test is available in English and Spanish in regular-sized print, large-print, Braille, and audio CD formats. Of these, only the audio CD format requires formal approval via the special testing accommodations approval process. All other formats are options that are selected when the examinee schedules testing and are then made available to the examinee on the day of testing.</p> <p>The Braille alternate format includes tactile maps and graphics. Braille tests automatically receive approval for use of a talking calculator and extended time. Although the Braille test is not timed, the examinee is expected to complete a subtest within a single day.</p>	<p>The TASC computer-based test is available in English and Spanish. (See also “Large Print/Magnification” below for information on magnification.) Language selection and mode of testing (paper-based or computer-based) are options that can be selected upon scheduling as part of the standard test administration. Options selected will then be made available to the examinee on the day of testing.</p>

Some allowable resources are provided as tools within the computer-based version of the TASC Test. The Test Coordinator may need to change system settings to provide examinees with access to these tools. The examinee should also complete the *Prior Notification Form* and provide it to the testing center for those computer-based features to be available where indicated in the following table.





Tool/Material	Paper-Based Test (PBT)	Computer-Based Test (CBT)
ASL Directions DVD	<p>A DVD containing the oral test directions in American Sign Language (ASL) is available.</p> <p>Prior notification is required as a DVD player and an appropriate viewing device are needed to view the DVD.</p>	<p>A DVD containing the oral test directions in American Sign Language (ASL) is available.</p> <p>Prior notification is required as a DVD player and an appropriate viewing device are needed to view the DVD.</p>
Large Print/ Magnification	<p>A large-print PBT edition is available upon request.</p> <p>An examinee may use hand-held magnifiers, eyeglassmounted magnifiers, freestanding magnifiers, or magnifying overlays to enlarge text and graphics.</p> <p>Prior notification is required for the large-print edition; prior notification is not required in order for the examinee to bring one or more of the listed magnifying devices to the testing center.</p>	<p>The Magnifier tool is available in the CBT as part of the standard administration.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p> 
Colored Overlays	<p>An examinee may use tinted clear-plastic overlays over pages in the test booklet.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required. The examinee is required to bring the overlays.</p>	<p>The CBT has clickable options for background and font colors that the examinee can easily select or change at any time during testing.</p> <p>These options are available in the standard CBT administration.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p> 

Tool/Material	Paper-Based Test (PBT)	Computer-Based Test (CBT)
Special Lighting	<p>Special lighting, as permitted by the state, is allowed for an examinee to enhance examinee vision and comfort. For example, some examinees may need to be seated near the window for natural lighting or may bring a small desk lamp.</p> <p>Prior notification is required. The examinee must bring a small desk lamp, if required. The examinee’s seating location may need special consideration if an electric outlet is necessary.</p> <p>(Note: Depending on availability of outlets, some test centers may not be able to provide the special lighting.)</p>	<p>Special lighting, as permitted by each state, is allowed for an examinee to enhance examinee vision and comfort. For example, some examinees may need to be seated near the window for natural lighting or may bring a small desk lamp.</p> <p>Prior notification is required. The examinee must bring a small desk lamp, if required. The examinee’s seating location may need special consideration if an electric outlet is necessary.</p> <p>(Note: Depending on the availability of outlets, some test centers may not be able to provide special lighting.)</p>
Noise Reduction	<p>The examinee may use earplugs to reduce background noise. The examinee will need to provide his or her own such device and make it available to the Examiner for inspection prior to testing.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required. The examinee is required to bring the earplugs.</p>	<p>For the CBT, earphones may be requested from the test center.</p> <p>Prior notification is required.</p>
Cushion	<p>The TASC Test examinee may bring a seat cushion.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required. The examinee is required to bring the cushion.</p>	<p>The TASC Test examinee may bring a seat cushion.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required. The examinee is required to bring the cushion.</p>

Standard Scientific Calculator	<p>The TASC Mathematics (Part 1) and Science subtests have been designed to be taken with a scientific calculator. Examinees should bring their own calculator to the test center when taking the PBT.¹</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p>	<p>The CBT contains an online scientific calculator for use on the Math (Part 1) and Science subtests. Examinees taking the CBT may use a hand-held standard scientific calculator in lieu of, or in addition to, the online calculator.¹</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p>
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Tool/Material	Paper-Based Test (PBT)	Computer-Based Test (CBT)
Calculator Reference Sheet and Mathematics (Formula) Reference Sheet	<p>TASC Test examinees are provided access to a Math formula reference sheet and a calculator reference sheet as part of standard test administration for applicable subtests.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p>	<p>A Mathematics formula reference sheet and a calculator reference sheet are available as part of standard CBT administrations for applicable subtests.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p>
Scratch Paper	<p>Scratch paper is provided during testing by the test center as part of the standard test administration. All scratch paper is collected and destroyed at the conclusion of testing. Examinees may request lined paper or graph paper.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p>	<p>Scratch paper is provided during testing by the test center as part of the standard test administration. All scratch paper is collected and destroyed at the conclusion of testing. Examinees may request lined paper or graph paper.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p>

Pencils and Erasers	<p>Each TASC Test examinee is provided with sharpened number 2 pencils and erasers as part of the standard test administration.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p>	<p>Each TASC Test examinee is provided with sharpened number 2 pencils and erasers as part of the standard test administration.</p> <p>On the CBT, answer choice options can easily be selected and deselected with a click of the Pointer tool. Examinees can also remove or change text and other marks.</p> <p>The Pointer tool is available as part of the standard CBT administration.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p>
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Tool/Material	Paper-Based Test (PBT)	Computer-Based Test (CBT)
Place Markers	<p>An examinee may use scratch paper—which is provided by the test center as part of the standard TASC Test administration—as a place-marker tool when taking the PBT.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p>	<p>The Flag button is a navigation feature that allows an examinee to mark any question for later review. </p> <p>The Line Guide tool allows the examinee to display and move a horizontal line over the text, providing focus to a single line of text. </p> <p>Both the Flag button and the Line Guide tool are available as part of the standard CBT administration.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p>
Option Eliminator	<p>An examinee may use scratch paper—which is provided by the test center as part of the standard TASC Test administration—as an option eliminator tool when taking the PBT.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p>	<p>The Cross-Off tool allows an examinee to mark and eliminate unwanted answer choice options. </p> <p>It is part of the standard CBT administration.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p>
Straightedge or Blocking Ruler	<p>The TASC Test examinee may use scratch paper—provided by the test center as part of the standard test administration—to aid in spatial orientation and reading.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p>	<p>The Masking tool allows the examinee to digitally block part of the display during testing. </p> <p>The Line Guide tool provides a horizontal line that brings focus to a single line of text.</p> <p>Both the Masking tool and the Line Guide tool are part of the standard CBT administration.</p> <p>Prior notification is not required.</p>

Tool/Material	Paper-Based Test (PBT)	Computer-Based Test (CBT)
Highlighter	Highlighters are not permitted on the PBT. No markings may be made in the PBT test booklets because the same test booklets are used for multiple examinees.	A Highlighter tool is available as part of standard CBT administration. Prior notification is not required.

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In some states, only specific models of hand-held scientific calculators may have been approved for use in conjunction with the CBT and/or provisions may have been made by the state for the test center to provide such calculators during testing. Interested examinees should check with their test center for details.