

2026-2027 NSCAS Testing Windows

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ELPA21 & Alternate ELPA

Event	Test Dates	Additional Information
Training modules available	To Be Determined referred to as T.B.D	No Additional Information
Testing	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
New or exiting student cutoff	Case by case ¹	No Additional Information

NSCAS General & NSCAS Alternate

Event	Test Dates	Additional Information
Training Q & A	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
Acacia Opens	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
Test Tickets Available	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
Test Window	March 29 – May 7, 2027	No Additional Information
Make up testing	May 3 – May 7, 2027	Makeup testing only
New or exiting student cutoff	April 23, 2027	No Additional Information

A.C.T - Initial Testing (Test Event 1)

Event	Test Dates	Additional Information
Training Part 1	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
Training Part 2	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
A.C.T Now opens	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
Test Event 1 Paper/Pencil	March 23, 2027	Initial Testing
Test Event 1 Online Testing	March 23-26, 2027; March 29-31, 2027; April 1-2, 2027	Initial Testing
New or exiting student cutoff	April 9, 2027	No Additional Information

A.C.T - Initial or Makeup Testing (Test Event 2)

Event	Test Dates	Additional Information
Training Part 1	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
Training Part 2	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
A.C.T Now Opens	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
Test Event 2 Paper/Pencil	April 6, 2027	Initial or makeup testing
Test Event 2 Online Testing	April 6-9, 2027; April 12-16, 2027	Initial or makeup testing
New or exiting student cutoff	April 9, 2027	No Additional Information

¹ Please reach out to NDE Title III/ELPA office staff to help determine if new or existing student should be participating.

A.C.T - Makeup Testing Only (Test Event 3)

Event	Test Dates	Additional Information
Training Part 1	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
Training Part 2	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
A.C.T Now Opens	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
Test Event 3 Paper/Pencil	April 20, 2027	Initial or makeup testing
Test Event 3 Online Testing	April 20-23, 2027; April 26-30, 2027	Initial or makeup testing
New or exiting student cutoff	April 9, 2027	No Additional Information

A.C.T with Accommodations – Initial Testing (Test Event 1)

Event	Test Dates	Additional Information
Training	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
A.C.T Now Opens	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
Test Event 1 Paper/Pencil and Online	March 23-26, 2027; March 29-31, 2027; April 1-2, 2027	Initial testing
New or exiting student cutoff	April 9, 2027	No Additional Information

A.C.T with Accommodations – Initial or Makeup Testing (Test Event 2)

Event	Test Dates	Additional Information
Training	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
A.C.T Now Opens	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
Test Event 2 Paper/Pencil and Online	April 6-9, 2027; April 12-16, 2027	Initial or makeup testing
New or exiting student cutoff	April 9, 2027	No Additional Information

A.C.T with Accommodations – Makeup Testing Only (Test Event 3)

Event	Test Dates	Additional Information
Training	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
A.C.T Now Opens	T.B.D.	No Additional Information
Test Event 2 Paper/Pencil and Online	April 20-23, 2027; April 26-30, 2027	Makeup testing only
New or exiting student cutoff	April 9, 2027	No Additional Information