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CTB/McGraw-Hill supports the intent of the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 and is committed to supporting access to the TASC for individuals with disabilities. To this end, the TASC design includes accessible formats and allowable resources that are available to all examinees. In addition, examinees with a documented need may apply for special testing accommodations. The document *Overview of TASC Accommodations* describes the distinction between special testing accommodations, alternate test formats, and allowable resources.

This document describes TASC special testing accommodations that may be requested by examinees via the *TASC Special Testing Accommodations Request Form*.

## TASC Special Testing Accommodations Descriptions

The TASC can be taken as a paper-based test (PBT) or a computer-based test (CBT) in English or Spanish. The paper-based English and Spanish tests are also available in alternate formats including large print and Braille. These alternate formats are available to any TASC examinee without formal approval from CTB/McGraw-Hill—they are not considered special testing accommodations. In addition, a list of additional allowable resources, such as a magnifying device, that are not considered special testing accommodations, and do not require formal approval, is included on the TASC website at [www.TASCtest.com](http://www.TASCtest.com).

Special testing accommodations require formal approval by CTB/McGraw-Hill based on evidence of an examinee's documented need. An examinee is only permitted the use of special testing accommodations if he or she has submitted a TASC Special Testing Accommodations Request Form and received formal approval by CTB/McGraw-Hill. Test Coordinators and examinees are notified of approved special testing accommodations in a decision letter from CTB/McGraw-Hill. Following is a list of special testing accommodations that may be authorized.

Accommodation Category	Accommodation Details	PBT	CBT	Description
Alternate Presentation	Audio CDs of Subject-area Tests	YES		An audio CD presentation of the TASC Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading and Writing tests is available in English and Spanish. A CD player is required and should be provided by the test center.
Alternate Presentation	DVD of Signed Version of Test Instructions	YES		A DVD of signed instructions in American Sign Language is available to examinees. A DVD player and appropriate viewing device is required.
Alternate Presentation	Screen Reader (CBT)		YES	The TASC CBT has screen reader functionality. The examinee activates the reader by positioning the cursor on the text and clicking.
Breaks	Supervised Breaks	YES	YES	Both the PBT and the CBT can be administered with supervised breaks. The CBT can be paused for up to 20 minutes to accommodate a break.
Breaks	Multiple Sessions	YES		The TASC PBT can be administered over multiple sessions. The coordinator will store the assessment in a locked cabinet between sessions. The examinee must be supervised during breaks.
Calculator	Calculator Memory Function	YES		The memory function of a calculator can be used to support working memory. In these cases, it is expected that the examinee knows how to use this feature and has experience with this accommodation.
Calculator	Talking Calculator	YES		An examinee with visual impairments or print disability may receive approval to use a talking calculator during testing.
Duration	1.25 Times Standard Testing Time	YES		Extended testing time is an accommodation that is provided at 1.25 (1 ¼) times the standard administration time. This duration is available only for the PBT.

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Duration	1.50 Times Standard Testing Time	YES	YES	Extended testing time is an accommodation that is provided at 1.5 (1 ½) times the standard administration time. This duration is available for both the PBT and the CBT.
Duration	Twice the Standard Testing Time	YES		Extended testing time is an accommodation that is provided at 2.0 (2) times the standard administration time. This duration is available only for the PBT.
Physical Support	Preferential Seating Location	YES	YES	Preferential seating refers to seating in a location that supports the examinee's testing experience. Preferential seating may be free from distractions, have special lighting conditions, have extra desk space for large materials, (large-print or Braille materials), etc.
Physical Support	Adaptive Equipment	YES	YES	Assistive technology (PBT only), pencil grips, etc.
Physical Support	Adaptive Furniture	YES	YES	Adjustable height desks, cushioned furniture, wheel chair friendly desk, chairs with armrests, etc.
Physical Support	Other			Other physical support accommodations may be approved based on the examinee's particular needs.
Scribe	Point or Dictate Answers	YES		A scribe may be provided for the PBT. The scribe must be qualified, have appropriate training, and follow specified guidelines.
Scribe	For the Writing Test	YES		
Technology Device	Technology-assisted Writing	YES		Technology-assisted writing is an accommodation when the following features are disengaged: formatting, spell check, and grammar check.
Technology Device	Assistive Technology Device	YES		Examinees may use personal assistive technology devices. However, all assessment content must be deleted from the device following testing.
Separate Room	Separate Room	YES	YES	An examinee may be tested in a separate location with a qualified examiner present.
Small Group Setting	Small Group Setting	YES	YES	An examinee may be tested in a small group setting with a qualified examiner present.
Other	To be described in the Request Form	YES		Accommodations not otherwise listed may be approved based on the Evaluator's recommendation and the Examinee's particular needs. Special arrangements may be required to support such accommodations and not all testing centers may be able to provide all approved accommodations.

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