



ABILITY-TO-BENEFIT (ATB) TESTING GUIDELINES

Students who did not earn a “standard” high school diploma or GED are required to pass an approved Ability-to-Benefit test to qualify for Federal Financial Aid Programs under the U.S. Department of Education “Ability-To-Benefit” guidelines. As of February 1, 2002 MDC uses the Internet version of the CPT (ACCUPLACER on-line) for this purpose. Additional information is available from the campus Financial Aid Department.

Students who do not have a high school diploma or equivalent and were not home-schooled may qualify for federal financial aid by passing an approved ATB test. These Students should be referred to the campus testing office with a referral slip given by the campus financial aid office.

The following are guidelines for using the CPT for ATB qualification scores at MDC.

COMPUTERIZED PLACEMENT TEST (CPT)

	<u>Effective 06/18/2002</u>	<u>Before 06/18/2002</u>
Reading	55	52
Sentence Skills	60	60
Arithmetic	34	36

Technical Notes:

- The same test date must be used on all relevant parts of the administration. Students must meet all of the cut scores on all of the subtests on the same test date.
- If needed, re-testing must be done on all required subtests after initial testing date. **Ability-to-Benefit (ATB)** students may retest once on the ATB certified CPT two weeks after the initial ATB testing date. For any subsequent attempts, the student must wait at least three months between administrations. Remediation is advised between administrations. Note: The PERT is not an ATB eligible test.
- Test scores are valid for ATB purposes indefinitely.
- The following are diploma types that need ATB testing: See AD CR HS (Odyssey) W8A (Failed FCAT), W07, W27 Special Diploma and W08/W09 Cert. Completion
- CPT information can be viewed in Odyssey using Direct Command SR TS TS TP.
- Since February 1, 2002, the Internet version of the CPT is the only version of the CPT that is eligible for ATB purposes. Odyssey uses test form code “O” (On-line) for identifying this version of the CPT from February 1, 2002 through and test forum code “ATB” for test dates begun July 1, 2011.
- Before February 1, 2002 Odyssey test form codes of “C” (Computerized) is also eligible for ATB purpose.
- Odyssey CPT Test form codes “A” and “B” (paper and pencil) are not to be used for ATB purposes.

The following tests are for past years ATB eligibility:

TABE (Complete battery or Survey Version)

Before June 19, 2002 Level A, Forms 5 & 6		Before September 9, 2004 Level A, Forms 7 & 8	
Reading	9.6	Reading	8.5
Math	9.5	Math	8.8
Language	7.6	Language	7.7

Technical Notes:

- TABE information can be viewed in Odyssey using Direct Command SR TS TS TT.
- Effective September 9, 2004, test forms 7 and 8 of the above approved TABE examinations are not to be used to determine student’s eligibility for ATB purposes.
- Effective June 19, 2002, test forms 5 and 6 of the above approved TABE examinations are not to be used to determine student’s eligibility for ATB purposes.
- The paper and pencil version of the TABE was the only version of the TABE that was eligible for ATB purposes. Odyssey uses test form codes "5A, 6A, 7A and 8A" and "S5A, S6A, S7A, and S8A" for identifying TABE Complete Battery or Survey, Forms 5, 6, 7 and 8, Level A of the paper and pencil version of the TABE.
- Computerized versions of the TABE and converted CPT scores are not eligible for ATB purposes. Odyssey uses test form codes that begin with a "C" for identifying these forms of the TABE.

AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING (ACT) ASSESMENT

Before January 3, 2003	
English	14
Math	15

Technical Notes:

- ACT information can be viewed in Odyssey using Direct Command SR TS TS TA.
- Effective January 3, 2003, the ACT is not to be used to determine students’ eligibility for ATB purposes.