

TSI (TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE) RULES FOR EXEMPTIONS AND WAIVERS
Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter C, Rule §4.54



2017-2018 PROPOSED



*All Rules expire five years from the date of testing, unless otherwise stated

ACT	Composite score of 23 or higher with at least a 19 on the English Test and/or Math sections.
SAT	<p>If the SAT was taken before March 5, 2016 - A combined critical reading (formerly "verbal") and mathematics score of 1070 with a minimum of 500 on the critical reading test shall be exempt for both reading and writing sections of the TSI Assessment; a combined critical reading (formerly "verbal") and mathematics score of 1070 with a minimum of 500 on the mathematics test shall be exempt for the mathematics section of the TSI Assessment.</p> <p>If the SAT was taken after March 5, 2016 - A minimum score of 480 on the Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) test shall be exempt for the reading and writing sections of the TSI Assessment; a minimum score of 530 on the mathematics section of the test shall be exempt for the mathematics section of the TSI Assessment.</p> <p>There is no combined score.</p> <p>Mixing or combining scores from the SAT administered prior to March, 2016 and the SAT administered on or after March 5, 2016 is not allowed.</p>
* TAAS	For a period of three (3) years from the date of testing, a student who is tested and performs on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) with a minimum scale score of 1770 on the writing test, a Texas Learning Index (TLI) of 86 on the mathematics test and 89 on the reading test.
TAKS	On the Eleventh grade exit-level Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills with a minimum scale score of 2200 on the math section and/or a minimum scale score fo 2200 on the English Language Arts section with a writing subsection score of at least a 3.
STARR end-of-Course (EOC)	A minimum score of Level 2 (4000) on the English III shall be exempt from the TSI Assessment required under this title for both reading and writing, and a minimum score of Level 2 (4000) on the Algebra II EOC shall be exempt from the TSI Assessment required under this title for the mathematics section.
Prior Degrees	A student who has graduated with an associate or baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education.
Transfer	A student who transfers from a private or independent institution of higher education or an accredited out-of-state institution of higher education and has satisfactorily completed college-level coursework as determined by the receiving institution.
Military	A student who is serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the Texas National Guard, or as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and has been serving for at least three years preceding enrollment. A student who on or after August 1, 1990 was honorably discharged, retired, or released from active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Texas National Guard or service as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States.
Certificate	Enroll in a certificate program of one year or less (Level One certificates, 42 or fewer credit hours or equivalent) at a public institution.
STARR end-of-Course (EOC) Dual Credit Only Waiver	Dual Credit only Waiver - Must score a Level 2 TEA recommended score (4000) on the English II EOC combined assessment in both reading and writing and, for a math exemption, must achieve a Level 2 TEA recommended score (4000) on the Algebra I EOC & a passing grade (70 or higher) in Algebra II high school course. This exemption expires upon high school graduation. If a student receives college credit for a dual credit course, the transfer exemption is in place for that subject area.
Accuplacer (prior to 8/26/2013 if previously enrolled)	Writing sentence skills 80 with an essay score of 5 or higher or an Essay score of *6 or higher. An essay score of 6, regardless of objective score, is considered passing. As essay score of 5 will be considered passing if the student meets the objective writing test standard (sentence skills) score of 80. Reading requires a score of 78 and Elementary Algebra a score of 63.