

The ACT has announced changes to be made in the test. Here is a summary of those changes, based on the limited information provided by ACT, Inc. The changes will start with the April 2025 test for examinees who choose to test online. The paper test will reflect the enhancements starting in September 2025. Schools and districts will have these options starting in spring 2026.

- The April/June/July 2025 tests are as follows: online tests will be the new format; the paper tests will be the old format.
- Beginning with the September 2025 test, ALL tests given will be given with the new formatted questions (see below).
- Also commencing with the September 2025 test, students can take either the online or the paper version of test.
- The new format will include fewer questions on most sections, time for each section will change, and the science section will no longer be considered for the composite scores. The Science subtest will be optional beginning in September 2025.
- We do not yet know what the *exact* changes will look like other than the science is expected to become less an exercise in reading comprehension (answers found in the passage) and more science-content based.
- We do not know if the questions that are removed from the test will tend to be the “easier” questions or the “more difficult” questions.
- Although the Science portion of the test will be optional, a student should not automatically opt out of this portion of the test because it is not yet clear just yet how colleges will respond to the decision. It is thought that perhaps many technical/science-based degree programs will still require the science subscore to be submitted.
- The bottom line is that ACT has not been as generous with the details about changes to the test, so it is not clear what the exact changes will look like for the new format to be rolled in full in September 2025.

	Old Test	New Test
<b>English</b>	75 questions/45 minutes	50 questions/35 minutes
<b>Math</b>	60 questions/ 60 minutes	45 questions/50 minutes (4 answer choices instead of 5 options)
<b>Reading</b>	40 questions/35 minutes	36 questions/ 40 minutes
<b>Science</b>	40 questions/35 minutes	40 questions/40 minutes (subtest not included in composite score)
<b>Totals (including Science)</b>	<b>215 questions/175 minutes</b>	<b>171 questions/165 minutes</b>
<b>Totals (excluding Science)</b>		<b>175 questions/125 minutes</b>

Here is the link to ACT.org that has all of the above specifics outlined  
<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-changes/enhancements.html>