

# Key Differences Between the SAT and ACT

	The New SAT (as of March 2016)	The ACT
Why Take It	Colleges use SAT scores for admission and some scholarships.	Colleges use ACT scores for admission and some scholarships.
Test Acceptance	All U.S. Colleges	Almost all U.S. Colleges
Test Frequency	7 times a year	6 times a year
Registration Deadline	Around 4 weeks before test day (there's a fee for late registering)	Around 5 weeks before test day (there's a fee for late registering)

Test Format Differences		
Entire Test Time Length	3 hours, plus 50-minutes for the optional essay	2 hours 55 minutes, plus 40-minutes for the optional essay
Score Range	Composite score: 400-1600 Essay score: 2-8	Composite score: 1-36 Essay score: 2-12
Individual Test Time Lengths	<p><b>Reading Test</b> 65 minutes 52 questions</p> <p><b>Writing and Language Test</b> 35 minutes 44 questions</p> <p><b>Math Test</b> 80 minutes 58 questions</p>	<p><b>Reading Test</b> 35 minutes 40 questions</p> <p><b>English Test</b> 45 minutes 75 questions</p> <p><b>Math Test</b> 60 minutes 60 questions</p> <p><b>Science Test</b> 35 minutes 40 questions</p>