

Dual Enrollment (DE) Assessment I Frequently Asked Questions

VALENCIA COLLEGE

1. Do I need to make an appointment to take the PERT?

- Yes, appointments are required for [on campus testing](#).
- Appointments are not needed to take the PERT virtually. If you wish to take the PERT virtually, please visit the [PERT Virtual Testing section](#) of our Future Dual Enrollment Student page.

2. Who do I contact if I am having issues with the Virtual PERT process?

- If you are having issues with the Virtual PERT process, respond to the email you received entitled “YOUR PERT HONORLOCK ASSESSMENT” or send an email to: pertteam@valenciacollege.edu and reference your VID#.

3. What do I need to bring to test?

- The only thing you need to bring is a physical ID. The ID must be a valid (non-expired) government issued photo ID or a High School ID with a photo. A picture of your ID from a device or paper copy will not be accepted.
- Personal items are not permitted in the testing lab. NO large bags/purses allowed.

4. What if I do not have a government issued photo ID or High School ID?

- Testing with Valencia College requires a government issued photo ID (state ID, driver’s license, passport, etc.) or high school ID with a photo.
- If you do not have an ID, visit the [Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles website](#) for [locations](#) and [documents needed](#) to obtain one before testing.

5. How long is the PERT?

- The PERT is untimed; however, most testers take on average around 2.5 to 3 hours to complete the Full PERT (Reading, Writing and Math).
- Each individual PERT section typically takes about 1 hour to complete.

6. How many questions are there/what subjects are on the PERT?

- The PERT consists of 3 sections: Reading, Writing, and Math. Each section has 30 questions, and all the questions are multiple choice.

7. Can I use my own calculator?

- No. A built-in calculator will be provided for you on certain questions in the Math section.

8. Is there a fee?

- Dual Enrollment students taking the PERT for the first time with Valencia College do not have to pay for their first PERT attempt with the college.

- Retakes are \$10 per section per attempt. It is considered a retake if you have already taken the PERT before at Valencia College (whether virtually or on a Valencia College campus) within the last 2 years. You are allowed 3 PERT attempts per section with Valencia College within a 2-year period.

9. Can I retake the PERT if I need/want to?

- A student is allowed 3 PERT attempts, per section, at Valencia College within a 2-year period.
- You must wait at least 1 day between each attempt to retake.

10. Do my PERT scores expire?

- Your PERT scores are valid for 2 years. If you have not started classes within the 2 years, you have the option to test again for placement.

11. When do I get my scores?

- You will see your scores immediately after completing your test, on the last testing screen.
- If you are taking the PERT on site at any of the Valencia College campuses, the scores will be added to your student account on the same day following your testing session.
- If you are taking the PERT *virtually*, the scores will be visible to you upon completion of testing, however these scores will need to be validated after your recorded testing session has been reviewed by the Assessment team which can take up to 3 business days.

12. Are there any study or practice materials for the PERT?

- Yes, you can find PERT review material [here](#).

13. I have my SAT/ACT scores, can I send you a copy?

- Valencia College will not accept paper copies of SAT and ACT, they must be sent electronically from [CollegeBoard or ACT](#).
- It can take up to 4 weeks to receive and process your SAT/ACT scores. If you took it at your high school, the timeline will vary based on when SAT/ACT provides those scores. TIP: When taking the SAT/ACT, be sure you select Valencia College as a recipient of your scores.

14. I took the PERT at my High School; how can I send the scores to Valencia College?

- High School PERT scores will only be accepted electronically from your school district. Speak to your guidance counselor to ensure your scores are sent to Valencia College via your school district.

15. What scores should I have on my SAT/ACT to be exempt from the PERT?

- You can [click here](#) to check our SAT/ACT chart.

16. When is the deadline to take the PERT?

- When applying for Dual Enrollment, there are specific deadlines you must meet in order to be considered for admission. Ensure you check the [Dual Enrollment website](#) for these specific deadlines.

17. I paid for my retake, and I do not want to take it anymore. How can I get a refund?

- Your appointment can be cancelled, however, fees are nonrefundable.

For more information, visit

<https://valenciacollege.edu/students/assessments/dual-enrollment.php>

