

Questions about Test Accommodations on the USMLE®? We've got answers.

Are test accommodations available for USMLE examinees?

Yes. The United States Medical Licensing Examination® (USMLE®) provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations for individuals with documented disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Examples of accommodations available include, but are not limited to, extended testing time, additional breaks or break time.

Are test accommodation requests confidential?

Absolutely. All submitted disability-related documentation is considered personal and confidential and is securely maintained. For our full confidentiality policy, visit [usmle.org](https://www.usmle.org).

What else should I know about the process?

One of the most important things to know is that, due to volume and the need to carefully review and consider each accommodation request, NBME requires approximately 60 business days for processing new requests.



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The highest volume times tend to be January through April. By registering early for your USMLE exam, you'll ensure there is ample time to process your request and help minimize your stress as you prepare for the exam.

To learn more, visit [usmle.org/accommodations](https://www.usmle.org/accommodations)



How do I request test accommodations?

1. Register for a USMLE Step Exam and Indicate a Request for Accommodations

Complete your exam application and signal that you will be requesting test accommodations. We encourage you to do this as far in advance as possible.

2. Review the USMLE Test Accommodation Guidelines Carefully

Detailed guidelines and requirements for requesting USMLE test accommodations can be found online at usmle.org/make-request.

3. Review and Complete the Required Request Form to Use

Forms and explanations of each request can be found on the request page. Request options include:

- New Requests
- Subsequent Requests
- Additional Break Time Only Requests
- Reconsideration Requests

Complete and sign the correct form for your specific situation. If appropriate, have your medical school complete the Certificate of Prior Test Accommodations form.

4. Attach Supporting Documentation

You will need to provide supporting documentation of your disability and your need for accommodations to ensure a complete submission. Incomplete documentation will delay your decision, so make sure your submission is complete.

5. Submit Your Request

Once your form is complete and documentation is gathered, follow the instructions to submit your request.

6. Receive Request Confirmation

You will receive an acknowledgement email within a few business days of submitting your request for test accommodations.

7. Receive a Decision and Scheduling Permit

Examinees who check "Yes" for test accommodations on the exam application when registering will have their scheduling permits automatically placed on hold while their request is reviewed. Once a test accommodations decision has been made, a scheduling permit will be issued within several days.

Once a scheduling permit has been received, examinees may schedule their exam appointment(s) with Prometric at any time.

Have other questions?

Contact NBME Disability Services
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