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Here's What's New!

1. **Expanded Access to ACT My Answer Key**

Starting in June 2026, [ACT My Answer Key](#) will now be available for both National and Special Testing programs. For the 2026–2027 testing year, that includes three test dates: October, April, and June.

2. **Faster, More Accessible Materials**

We're transitioning away from certain physical formats to faster, digital access:

- Students who use audio-based accommodations or reader's scripts will now receive accessible, text-to-speech versions of their test content online.
- Students who use braille accommodations will now receive braille ready format files and tactile graphic files digitally, meaning quicker delivery and easier access.

3. **[Updated Accommodations Deadlines](#)**

To support timely score delivery and a smoother experience overall, accommodations requests, including appeals, will now be due by the *regular* registration deadline for each test date starting **June 2026**.

Note: *ACT will not review requests for a test date if the accommodations deadline has passed. If the deadline has passed, the examinee may contact ACT to move their registration to a future testing window.*

4. **[Special Testing Window Duration](#)**

Beginning June 2026, Special Testing will move from a two-week window to a shorter, nine-day window which will include two full weekends for test administration. This change helps ensure a more consistent experience for students and supports timely return of materials and access to both scores and ACT My Answer Key.

- June's Special testing window will end on June 21
- July's Special testing window will end on July 19

What Does This Mean for the Examinees?

We know change can bring questions, and we're here to support you through every step.

More detailed guidance and resources will be shared as we get closer to the rollout.

If you have questions or want to walk through any of the updates together, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for everything you do to support our students and partners. We truly couldn't do this without you.

Warmly,

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