Special Provisions

External Assessment Adjustments Reading Test

This information sheet is to be read in conjunction with [External Assessment Adjustments](http://www.sace.sa.edu.au/documents/652891/2d595067-2b2b-48fe-83df-2ba2dc9e68a7?v=1), which describes the evidence required for applications for external assessment adjustments based on specific learning disabilities. This test must be conducted in the current calendar year or in Term 4 of the previous year. The test result should be entered on [Form 28](https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/documents/652891/705275/Special+Provisions+Application+-+External+Assessment+Adjustments+Reading+Difficulty+%28Form+28%29.doc/44c44b4e-54b2-4b8a-82b9-f44fe7a0b2e5).

Progressive Achievement Tests in Reading (Pat-R)

(Published by ACER Press, Camberwell, Victoria)

The result of a PAT-R Comprehension test is required for applications on the grounds of a reading disability. In this test, students read a range of fiction and non-fiction passages and answer multiple-choice questions on each passage. The test measures literal and inferential comprehension of the texts at a level commensurate with the reading level of SACE Board examination questions.

Test Formats

PAT-R Comprehension tests can be purchased by the school in hard copy or online for individuals or groups of students. Administration of a test takes about 40 to 55 minutes.

Hard-copy Tests

If using a hard-copy test, either of the following editions of the PAT-R may be used:

* third edition, revised 2001
* fourth edition, revised 2008.

If using the third edition of PAT-R, only Comprehension Form 4 should be used.

If using the fourth edition of PAT-R, Comprehension Test Booklet 8, 9, or 10 can be used.

To purchase the fourth edition of PAT-R go to https://shop.acer.edu.au/acer-shop/group/PAT4C/2.

Mark the student’s test and record the number of correct items and the Year 9 percentile rank, determined from the Norm Tables provided, on [Form 28](https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/documents/652891/705275/Special+Provisions+Application+-+External+Assessment+Adjustments+Reading+Difficulty+%28Form+28%29.doc/44c44b4e-54b2-4b8a-82b9-f44fe7a0b2e5).

Please include a copy of the student’s multiple-choice answer sheet with the special provisions application.

Online Tests

The online tests provide instant scoring and electronic reporting of results for a fee.

The online tests are available from the following website: https://oars.acer.edu.au. Complete the registration details for your school and follow the prompts to assess an individual student or a group of students. Select PAT-R Comprehension test and choose Test Booklet 8, 9, or 10.

To document a student’s result, record the number of correct items and the Year 9 percentile rank (found by comparing the student’s result to that of Year 9 students when prompted on screen) on [Form 28](https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/documents/652891/705275/Special+Provisions+Application+-+External+Assessment+Adjustments+Reading+Difficulty+%28Form+28%29.doc/44c44b4e-54b2-4b8a-82b9-f44fe7a0b2e5).