



After the Test Administration

How Your Test Is Scored

- The multiple-choice subtests are scored electronically.
- The Writing subtest is scored through a process that includes trained scorers and may include Pearson's Intelligent Essay Assessor™, with consideration for both conventions of language and problem solving.
- Pearson uses computerized and manual quality-control procedures to ensure the accuracy of all test scores.
- The Official Score Report is the only official information available to you containing your PCAT results. The unofficial Preliminary Score Report you received at the Pearson VUE Test Center at the time of testing is **not** considered official.
- Lists of test items, responses, or a copy of your Writing essay are not available for review.

Score Reporting

- Within **5 weeks following the end of the testing window in which you took your exam**, your Official Score Report will be available online for one year from the date of your test administration, and Official Transcripts will be sent to the institutions you designated to receive your scores.
- Your PCAT scores will be reported on your Official Transcript unless you selected the “No Score Option” at the time of your test administration.
- Pharmacy schools will only accept Official Transcripts. Neither the Preliminary Score Report you received at the Test Center nor the Official Score Report available online can be submitted to a school in lieu of an Official Transcript.
- **Under no circumstances will scores be reported over the phone, in an email, or faxed.**

Interpreting Your Official Score Report

- Scores on the Official Score Report are reported as scaled scores and percentile ranks for each of the four multiple-choice subtests and as a Composite score for the combined multiple-choice subtests. All percentile ranks are based on current norms in effect as of July 2020.
- Writing subtest scores are reported as the candidate's earned score, along with an average score for all candidates taking the exam during the previous 12 months.
- For an example of an Official Score Report, see “Sample Official Score Report” under “Scoring and Reporting” on www.PCATweb.info.
- Pearson does not set a passing or failing score for the PCAT. Individual pharmacy colleges establish their own score criteria. If you are interested in the score criteria for any particular pharmacy college, please consult with that college. Generally, pharmacy colleges consider test results in combination with other information, such as high school and undergraduate records, references, and personal interviews.

Replacement Official Transcripts

If your specified pharmacy college has not received your Official Transcript 7 weeks after the last test date in the testing window, you are eligible to receive a replacement Official Transcript, provided the proper recipient code and school were specified. You must email your request to PCAT Customer Relations no later than 10 weeks after the last testing date in the testing window. Requests received after 10 weeks must be accompanied by the appropriate fees (see www.PCATweb.info). If your selected school is part of the PharmCAS network, your transcript will be sent electronically to PharmCAS only, not directly to your school.

Cancellation of Scores by Pearson

- **Pearson reserves the right to cancel any PCAT test scores if an irregularity occurs that results in a faulty test administration (e.g., a disruption, cheating incident, or other event compromising the integrity of the test).**
- Pearson adheres to standards of test administration and test security that require the review of all PCAT scores and administrative conditions.
- Pearson reserves the right to cancel or decline to score any test believed to be obtained in a questionable manner, which includes testing/administrative irregularities, misconduct, noncompliance with policies, plagiarism, or **any other reason** that would invalidate the score.
- Cancellation of a score as a result of a violation of these policies in no way suggests that cheating or any other inappropriate action has occurred. Score invalidation is a technicality and is sometimes necessary to maintain the integrity of the test and to ensure that test scores are as accurate and as reflective of each candidate's ability as possible.
- All score cancellations and invalidations are held in confidence, with the reason for the cancellation disclosed only to the candidate, except in certain group cases.
- When scores are canceled after the results have already been reported, all Official Transcript recipients are notified that the scores have been canceled. Usually the reason for cancellation is not disclosed, except in certain cases involving groups of candidates.
- At Pearson's discretion, the Registration Fee may be refunded after testing if the candidate is found not to have been responsible for the irregularity that caused the score cancellation.
- A candidate whose scores are canceled may register to take the PCAT again during another future testing window and pay all applicable fees. **Exception:** Pearson reserves the right to withhold this option, and any request to take the test again will be evaluated by Pearson with consideration for the reason that the score was canceled.

Cancellation of Scores Due to Testing Irregularities

Testing irregularities are problems that occur during a test administration. These irregularities include, but are not limited to, possible compromises to the test, inappropriate seating or timing, disruptions to a test administration (such as a power loss or a natural disaster), misconduct, candidates' misrepresenting identity, receiving or providing assistance of any kind during the test, failing to comply with test administration regulations or with directions given by the proctor, having prohibited materials in the testing room, creating a disturbance (such as talking during testing, letting a cell phone ring during testing, or any other action deemed disruptive by the Test Center staff), and violating any other Pearson test administration policy, as described in this *Candidate Information Booklet* or on the PCAT website.

If a testing irregularity occurs, Pearson will examine the situation and determine what corrective action is warranted, including not scoring exams or canceling scores.