



# PA-CAT Exam Special Accommodations

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## **PA-CAT Exam Accommodations**

Exam Master is committed to providing all test takers the opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency on the PA-CAT exam. That includes providing reasonable and appropriate special accommodations, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, for individuals who demonstrate a need for accommodation due to documented disabilities or medical conditions.

Special accommodations must be requested through the channels outlined below and must be approved by Exam Master before registering for the PA-CAT exam with the Prometric Testing Center. Do not schedule your exam date and time with Prometric until your accommodation request has been officially approved by Exam Master.

Your privacy is important to us. All documentation submitted in support of your request is confidential and will not be released to any third party, unless compelled by legal process.

All application materials must be in English.

### **Important Steps for Special Accommodations**

- Understand the application process and documentation requirements outlined below.
- Identify the documentation required and gather all documents. They must be submitted in one package to Exam Master during your registration to begin the review process.
- Visit [pa-cat.com/register-and-schedule](https://pa-cat.com/register-and-schedule) to begin your PA-CAT exam registration.
- Under the heading “Are Special Accommodations required?” on your registration form, select “Yes.” Select the requested type of accommodation(s) from the drop-down menu. Selection(s) must be supported by your documentation.
- Submit all required documents with your registration. Additional accommodations or documents cannot be added after you submit your registration.
- Do not schedule your exam date with Prometric yet.
- After you have received official approval and you have received your PA-CAT eligibility number from Exam Master, you may proceed to schedule your exam with Prometric.

### **Review Process and Timeline**

Your application and all supporting documentation will be reviewed within 30 days of your completed registration.

If your application is determined to be incomplete, it will be denied. To ensure that your application meets the requirements, carefully review the application requirements outlined below. Once a determination has been made, we will notify you by email.

After your application for special accommodations has been approved and after you have received your eligibility number, you may proceed to schedule your PA-CAT exam with Prometric.

## Documentation Requirements

Your package must include the following documentation:

- A completed, signed, and legible *Accommodation Request and HIPAA Consent Form*
- A *Licensed Professional Assessment Form* completed only by an appropriately licensed professional (for example, a general practitioner is not appropriate to diagnose a mental disorder)

A Comprehensive Evaluation includes:

- An identification of the diagnosis and the impairment(s)
- A description of the functional limitation resulting from the impairment(s) as it applies to taking standardized multiple-choice and writing tests
- A rationale for each recommended accommodation that describes how the accommodation addresses the limitation(s)

The official assessment of the impairment may not be older than 2 years at the date of submission. The *Licensed Professional Assessment Form* must be current at the date of submission. Your provider must be an independent entity and may not be a family member.

- *Additional documentation.* You may submit additional academic and medical documentation that establishes a history of special accommodations in a standardized testing environment. Additional documentation can include a signed school Individual Education Plan or official documents outlining accommodations received in educational institutions and standardized tests.

All documentation must be uploaded in one package with your PA-CAT registration.

## Schedule your Exam

Do not schedule your exam date and time with Prometric until your accommodation request has been officially approved. Special accommodations cannot be added to an already scheduled exam. After your request has been approved by the Exam Master review team, you may schedule your PA-CAT test with Prometric.

If you decide to retake the PA-CAT exam at any point, a new special accommodations request must be submitted.

## Appeal

If your request for accommodations is denied or modified and you wish to appeal this decision, you can email [accommodations@exammaster.com](mailto:accommodations@exammaster.com) to request an appeal. Your appeal must be received within 10 business days of the official Notice of Denial or Modification.

Within 30 days of Exam Master's receipt of your notice of appeal, Exam Master's Special Accommodation Coordinator, general counsel, and any experts that Exam Master may deem appropriate and necessary will review your appeal. You will be notified by email of the decision.

## **Cancellations and Refund**

Do not schedule your PA-CAT exam until you have received official approval from Exam Master for your accommodation request. Accommodations cannot be added to a registration that has already been submitted. For all additional information, refer to our refund policy.

For all additional questions, email [accommodations@exammaster.com](mailto:accommodations@exammaster.com).