1. Once you have registered for the proctored assessment, you must be prepared (this includes taking practice assessments 1 & 2 on your own at least 24 hours apart and no less than 24 hours before your proctored test date).

2. You must take the proctored assessment (3 or 5) on the day for which you are registered (make sure you register for the correct option, in-person or online).

3. If you are not prepared to take it on your scheduled test date or you do not show up, you will have to make a new reservation and pay the $20 proctor fee.

4. All proctored exams taken after July 2 will incur a $20 proctor fee for each reservation.

1. Do I need to take the Mathematics Placement Assessment (ALEKS)?

If your major is listed below, you are encouraged to take the Math Placement Assessment (ALEKS) prior to your New Student Orientation date in order to be placed into the appropriate math course for fall 2022.

➢ Astronomy
➢ Biology
➢ Chemical Physics
➢ Chemistry
➢ Computer Science
➢ Engineering (all majors)
➢ Environmental Sciences
➢ Geography (with an emphasis in environmental and physical geography or geographic information science)
➢ Geological Sciences
➢ Math
➢ Physical Science
➢ Physics
➢ Statistics

You will not be able to register for Math 141 (Precalculus), Math 150 (Calculus I) or Math 124 (Calculus for the Life Sciences) until you have completed the proctored Math Placement Assessment and your score has been posted to your student record.

2. How Do I Prepare for the Mathematics Placement Assessment (ALEKS)?

- Prepare for the Mathematics Placement Assessment through an online learning and assessment program called ALEKS.
- **Plan early** to complete the practice assessments and learning modules. The first two assessments are practice tests that are taken on your own. **You must allow 24 hours between each assessment.**
• Use the learning modules addressing your strengths and areas for improvement after each practice test in preparation for the proctored test.
• Take the third assessment in a proctored setting. Your score from the proctored test will be used to place you in the appropriate math course.

Today: Register for and create your account in ALEKS; take the first practice assessment on your own and work on the learning modules based on your results. You must allow 24 hours between each assessment.
Step 2: Take the second practice assessment on your own and work on the learning modules based on your results. You must allow 24 hours between each assessment.
Step 3: Schedule a time to take the third assessment in a proctored setting. (See options for proctoring below)

3. How do I create an ALEKS account, complete the assessments and use the learning modules?

You have a total of five ALEKS assessments. One and two are practice assessments that you take on your own. Assessment three is taken in a proctored setting. If you are not satisfied with your score on assessment three, you can take assessment four on your own and then choose to take assessment five in a proctored setting. The higher score of assessments three and five will be used for course registration. You must allow 24 hours between each assessment.

Scores on the proctored assessments will be sent electronically from the ALEKS program directly to the SDSU Office of the Registrar within 24 to 48 business hours. SDSU Testing Services does not process or receive your score.

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<td>Go to <a href="http://www.aleks.com/sign_up/class?class_code=39QUP-M3FMH">www.aleks.com/sign_up/class?class_code=39QUP-M3FMH</a> and follow the steps to create an ALEKS account. For general information about ALEKS PPL, go to <a href="http://www.aleks.com/highered/math/ppl">www.aleks.com/highered/math/ppl</a>. Do not use this code if you have approved testing accommodations (see below).</td>
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<td>Step 2: Complete Practice Assessment 1 on your own and use the learning modules</td>
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<td>Step 4: Complete Assessment 3 in a proctored setting</td>
<td>Assessment 3 must be proctored through SDSU Testing Services. You are allotted up to 2 hours to complete the assessment. Assessment 3 is your official score used for course placement. You can see your score immediately upon completing the exam.</td>
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<td>Step 5: Next steps</td>
<td>If you are pleased with your score, you are finished with the learning modules and assessments. If you want to try to improve your score, follow the directions in Steps 6 &amp; 7.</td>
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<td>Additional score information</td>
<td>If you do not achieve a minimum score of 60, you will be required to enroll in Math 140 (College Algebra), and complete the class with a grade of “C” or better, prior to enrolling in Math 141 (Precalculus).</td>
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4. How do I Request Accommodations?

Students with accommodations already authorized by the SDSU Student Ability Success Center (SASC), and placed on the SDSU Testing Services reservation system by SASC, should contact Testing Services at staar@sdsu.edu for specific instructions to register for ALEKS. Do not use the code in the ALEKS instructions above to register for ALEKS as you will not get your approved accommodations. SASC information can be found at http://go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/sds/

5. How Do I Register to Take the Proctored Assessment?

- Register here for the proctored assessment. Choose your location carefully. There is a $20 proctor fee each time you make a reservation. Once you have registered, review your Admission Ticket for details regarding the exam. You can access your Admission Ticket here.
- Once you have registered for the proctored assessment, you must take it on the day for which you are registered. It cannot be transferred to another date, so it is important that you plan ahead and be prepared to take the assessment at your scheduled time.
- If you have not completed practice assessments 1 & 2, prior to your proctored test date, you will NOT be able to take the proctored assessment and you will have to sign-up and pay the exam fee of $20 for another test date.

Options for taking the proctored assessment:

- **Option 1:** If you are in the San Diego area take the proctored exam in-person at SDSU Testing Services. Choose the in-person option when you register.
- **Option 2:** If you are not in the San Diego area, you will have the option to take the proctored exam online via a zoom link. Choose the online location when you register.
- **Options 3:** If you are out of the San Diego area and you prefer to take the assessment in-person, locate an approved test center in your area. The test center has to be approved by SDSU Testing Services. Email staar@sdsu.edu with your request at least five business days in advance of your test date. Include your name, RedID, test center, test date and time in the email. If you choose this option, the student is responsible for paying all proctors fees associated with the test center chosen.

Choose your test date carefully and pay close attention to the LOCATION when registering for the proctored assessment. SSW 2549 indicates the test is on the SDSU campus in Testing Services. Online indicates the test is online via zoom. The location is shown in the reservation system.
IN-PERSON exam dates and times for exams administered at SDSU Testing Services.

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<td>Monday – Friday thru August 19, 2022</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. &amp; 2:00 p.m. PDT</td>
<td>Four business days prior to the test date.</td>
<td>Sent electronically from the ALEKS program directly to the Office of the Registrar within 24-48 business hours. (SDSU Testing Services does not receive scores.)</td>
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ONLINE exam dates and times for tests administered online via Zoom.

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*Sessions will be closed when testing capacity is reached regardless of registration deadline or posted times.

6. What if I have, or anticipate Advanced Placement Credit for Math?

If you took Advanced Placement (AP) exams in high school, you may already have college credit for Math 141 (Precalculus), Math 150 (Calculus) and/or Math 151 (Calculus II). Please refer to the table below. If you have not received your AP scores, it is recommended you take ALEKS by July 1.

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<td>4, 5</td>
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<td>MPA is not needed. Ready to enroll in Math 151.</td>
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<td>Calculus BC</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Math 141 and Math 150</td>
<td>MPA is not needed. Ready to enroll in Math 151.</td>
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<td>Calculus BC</td>
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<td>Math 150 and Math 151</td>
<td>MPA is not needed.</td>
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**Important note:** If your AP score qualifies you to enroll in a math course and you are unable to do so, please email Math.prereqhelp@sdsu.edu with your name and RedID number. Attach a copy of your previous AP report for assistance.

7. What Score do I need on the ALEKS proctored assessment?

Math 141 – Precalculus
To enroll in Math 141 a minimum score of 60 is required. If you score lower than 60 you will need to enroll in Math 140 (College Algebra).

Math 124 - Calculus for the Life Sciences
To enroll in Math 124 a minimum score of 72 is required.
Math 150 - Calculus I
To enroll in Math 150 a minimum score of 76 is required.

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