



Impact of SAT Changes in Division II

The College Board began administering a redesigned version of the SAT in March 2016 and provided data tables demonstrating the concordance between previous and redesigned SAT versions. Below is a brief explanation of the impact this change will have for the 2016-17 academic year. **SAT scores for tests taken prior to March 1, 2016, may not be combined with SAT scores earned for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016.**

Initial Eligibility

- The NCAA Eligibility Center will apply the concordance tables during the 2016-17 academic year.
 - **Tests Taken Prior to March 2016** – Prospective student-athletes who took the SAT prior to March 2016 will not be impacted by this change. They will need to earn a minimum combined score of 820 on the SAT verbal/critical reasoning and math sections or a minimum sum score of 68 on the ACT in order to be a qualifier.
 - **Tests Taken March 2016 and Thereafter** – A prospective student-athlete who took the SAT on or after March 2016 will need to earn a minimum combined score of 900 on the SAT verbal/critical reasoning and math sections or a minimum sum score of 68 on the ACT in order to be a qualifier.
 - **Automatic Waiver Opportunity** – If a prospective student-athlete who took the new SAT does not earn a score of 900, the NCAA Eligibility Center will review the prospective student-athlete’s academic record and may provide relief automatically. If relief is provided, the institution will not have to file a waiver as it will be automatically reflected in the individual’s final certification status.

Financial Aid – Exemption of Academic Awards

- When determining whether a student-athlete’s institutional academic award may be exempted from team and individual limits, institution’s should apply the following:
 - **Tests Taken Prior to March 2016** – In order to exempt an institutional academic award based on a test taken prior to March 2016, the student-athlete must earn a minimum combined score of 1140 on the verbal/critical reasoning and math sections of the SAT.
 - **Tests Taken March 2016 and Thereafter** – In order to exempt an institutional academic award based on a test taken March 2016 and thereafter, the student-athlete must earn a minimum combined score of 1210 on the verbal/critical reasoning and math sections of the SAT.

For more information regarding the NCAA Eligibility Center’s process for using the redesigned SAT in certifications this year, please [click here](#).