Assessment Test Policy

Assessment scores are valid for three years at Victor Valley College. Students are permitted one retest in each subject area per semester only if they can show proof that the placement courses have been completed with a “C” or better. Students may contact a Counselor for more information.

Retest Policy for Ability-To-Benefit (ATB) Students Only

In December 1990, the Federal department of Education issued a policy requiring the testing of students who did not possess a high school diploma or a GED (General Educational Developmental) credential but would like to: 1) enroll in post secondary education, and 2) apply for federal financial aid. Non-high school graduates must demonstrate the Ability-To-Benefit by scoring at or above the cut scores for the reading, sentence skills and arithmetic sections of the assessment test, or you must have completed six degree-applicable units (and see a counselor to verify these units). The following cut scores for Ability-To-Benefit have been established in accordance with Federal ATB regulations. (Federal Register / Vol. 67, No. 76 / April 19, 2002 / Notices).

Reading = 55    Sentence Skills = 60    Arithmetic = 34

If a student requires subsequent tests to pass for Ability-To-Benefit, the student must wait fourteen (14) calendar days after the first test is administered for a second test to be administered. If a third test is necessary for Ability-To-Benefit, a student must wait thirty (30) calendar days after the second test is administered for a third test to be administered. The student must also have a petition* to retest completed by a Counselor for a third test and subsequent tests to be administered.

Additionally, to qualify on the Ability-To-Benefit test, all sections of the test must be taken each time a retest is taken. Federal guidelines for ATB tests require students to pass the three sections of the test “in a single administration of the test” in order to be eligible for Financial Aid benefits.

DSPS students may contact the DSPS Department for exceptions, if applicable, to this federal guideline.

Please note that the above Ability-To-Benefit (ATB) guidelines do not pertain to eligibility for a Board of Governors Grant Waiver (BOGW) or Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS).

*Petition forms are available at the Assessment Center

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