

TSI Pre-Assessment Activity Transition FAQ Document

- 1. Why is the THECB supported TSI Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) changing?**
Effective February 28, 2022, the THECB's contract with Querium, the current PAA vendor will end.
- 2. Is my institution required to use the new THECB supported PAA?**
No. An institution may create their own PAA or with permission, use another institutions' PAA provided it addresses the components of [TAC RULE §4.55\(b\)](#).
- 3. Is there a cost to use the new PAA?**
No. There are no costs to the student or institution to use the new PAA. It's FREE!
- 4. When will the new PAA become available?**
The new PAA will launch Sunday, February 27, 2022.
- 5. How does my institution sign-up to use the new PAA?**
There is no registration or sign-up process to use the new PAA. All institutions (school districts and IHEs) approved to offer the TSIA2 are included as an option for student selection in Step 1 (Select Institution).
- 6. How long can an institution continue to use the Querium PAA?**
PAAs may be administered using Querium through February 28, 2022. Students completing the Querium PAA are not required to complete new PAA once launched.
- 7. Does the PAA transition impact the ability to administer the TSIA2?**
No. Just remember that as a test administrator, you are required to provide testers with a PAA that meets TAC RULE 4.55(b).
- 8. How long will Querium PAA users have access to the administrator portal?**
Current users will have access to the administrator portal until March 30, 2022. Any Querium PAA completion documentation should be downloaded before then.
- 9. How do students access the new PAA?**
The new PAA is seamlessly integrated into the Accuplacer Practice Application (Practice App). Students should be directed to <https://practice.accuplacer.org/login> to register for the Practice App and complete the PAA. Institutions should update institutional resources related to the PAA with this link. *The TSIA2-PAA option will not be available for selection in the Practice App prior to launch.*

10. What information will students enter when registering for the Practice App?

First name, last name, and an email address are the only data required from the student to register. It is recommended students use a personal email address when registering for the Practice App. No Personal Identifiable Information (PII) is collected (e.g., DOB, ID numbers) as part of the student registration process.

11. How will students be notified of successful completion of the PAA?

Upon successful completion of the PAA, students will receive an email confirming completion along with a copy of their PAA Completion Certificate.

12. How does an institution verify student completion of the new PAA?

At launch, the only way to verify completion of the PAA will be confirmation from the student (e.g., email or present PAA completion certificate). However, plans are underway to integrate PAA reporting into the TSIA2 (Accuplacer) platform. Once complete, test administrators will be able to access a PAA completion report from the same portal used to administer the TSIA2.

Institutions should clearly communicate preferences and protocols to students regarding the collection of PAA completion documentation.

13. Can information for Step 4 and Step 5 be customized in the new PAA?

The current design of the new PAA does not support the customization of information for each institution. Content for these two steps will be further curated by the THECB to provide general resources and tips that support student success for both high school and high school complete students.

14. Student informed me they cannot get past Step 3 (Practice Tests). Why is this happening?

To complete Step 3, the student is required to complete 10 practice test questions for each subject area, English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) and math. The student cannot advance until all practice test questions for each subject area have been attempted.

15. Will there be updates to the PAA in the future?

Yes. Planned enhancements to the PAA include the integration of PAA completion reporting into the TSIA2 platform and the incorporation of multimedia elements to enhance the student experience.