

Are there exemptions to taking the Texas Success Initiative Assessment?

The state approved exemptions to taking the test are listed below. If you believe you meet one of these exemptions please bring proof of the exemption to a Vernon College Counseling Office.

Exemptions using other tests:

ACT/SAT/TAKS/STAAR EOC Tests—Students who meet the following standards may be exempt from taking the TSI Assessment test if they have valid ACT, SAT, TAKS, or STAAR EOC scores. It is the student’s responsibility to provide official scores to VC to qualify for an exemption prior to enrollment in any college-level courses and prior to expiration of those specific scores.

The minimum exemption standards for these tests are:

Name of Test	Composite Score	English/ Verbal Scores	Math Scores	Expiration Date from the date the test is taken
SAT	Combined 1070	500 (Critical Reading score)	500	5 years
ACT	Composite 23	19	19	5 years
TAKS Exit Exam 11 th Grade	N/A	2200 with Writing Sub-score of 3	2200	5 years
STAAR EOC	N/A	Level II (2000 on reading AND 2000 on writing) on English III EOC exam	Level II (4000) on Algebra II EOC exam	5 years

Other Exemptions:

- Student who transfers to Vernon College from a private institution of higher education or an accredited out-of-state institution of higher education and who has satisfactorily completed college-level coursework will be exempt for portions of the TSI law if at Vernon College that coursework would have a prerequisite of reading, writing and/or math at Vernon College. A student may be partially TSI clear in reading and writing but not clear in math or vice versa.
- Previously graduated with an Associate or Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education
- Enrolling in a certificate program of 1 year or less (less than 42 semester credit hours)
- Student serving as active duty or active reserves in the US Armed Forces
- Student honorably discharged from Active Duty in the US Armed Forces after August 1, 1990 (student should provide a copy of a DD214)

If you are college readiness clear by one of these exemptions -

you may be advised by one of the Course Schedule Advisors in the CSA centers. CSA Centers are open on the Century City and Vernon Campuses. Dates and times for CSA centers are listed in the registration guide.