



FOR STUDENTS OF
THE REAL WORLD

TSI Exemptions

You are exempt from all TSI requirements under any one of the following conditions:

- Graduated college with an associate's or bachelor's degree.
- Have earned a C or higher in a college-level course in reading, writing, or math at an accredited institution. The course(s) must be equivalent to the CTC course(s) on the [C or Better Transfer Course list](#).
- Previously attended any public Texas institution, and the transcript indicates a TSI status that has been determined to have met readiness standards by that institution.
 - For students meeting non-Algebra intensive readiness standards in mathematics CTC requires additional preparatory coursework/interventions for Algebra intensive courses, including MATH 1314/1324/1414.
- On or after August 1, 1990, was honorably discharged, retired or released from active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Texas National Guard or served as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States.
- You have completed the SAT, ACT, or other approved assessment exam with the minimum score needed for TSI exemption. (see table listed below). Tests must have been taken within the previous 5 years.

TEST	READING & WRITING EXEMPTION	MATH EXEMPTION
SAT (before March 2016)	1070 Combined with 500 Critical Reading	1070 Combined with 500 Math
SAT (March 2016 and later)	480 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	530 Math
ACT	23 Composite with 19 English	23 Composite with 19 Math
TAKS	2200 ELA (English Language Arts) with 3+ Writing sub-score	2200 Math
STAAR	4000 on the English III (EOC)	4000 on the Algebra II (EOC)

With a full exemption, a student qualifies for the following entry-level college courses: ENGL 1301, MATH 1314/1324/1332/1342, and BIOL 1406. If you have an exemption and are having trouble registering for these courses, please email registration.help@ctcd.edu.