

ELAR Standalone Retest Policy (Effective October 5, 2023)

TSI assessment test administrators must administer the complete ELAR test (CRC and diagnostic test (as applicable), and Essay) for **initial** ELAR test administrations. Subsequent ELAR test administrations may be administered as standalone tests (CRC Only and diagnostic test (as applicable) or Essay Only) without consideration to scores earned on the initial ELAR test.

If only one component (e.g., CRC or diagnostic test, Essay) is passed on the initial ELAR test administration, a retest is only required for the component that was not passed.

Institutions may accept ELAR standalone test (CRC Only and diagnostic test (as applicable) or Essay Only) scores from test administrations prior to October 5, 2023, provided they meet the requirements of the revised ELAR Standalone Retest Policy.

Background

Prior to October 5, 2023, a passing score on one component of the TSIA2 ELAR test (e.g., CRC, diagnostic, or Essay) or one component of the TSIA Writing test (Placement Test (multiple choice) or Essay) was required for a student to be administered an ELAR standalone retest option. Further, institutions were not allowed to accept scores resulting from test administrations not aligned with proper TSIA2 testing protocols for the purpose of determining college readiness or placement.

The ELAR standalone retest policy change, effective October 5, 2023, provides students with more flexible ELAR retest options and simplifies ELAR retesting for test administrators. Additionally, this change reduces the number of students negatively impacted due to test administrator errors.

Use of Essay Scores in Determining College Readiness

There were no changes to the design of the Essay component from the TSIA to the TSIA2. Thus, Essay scores may be used interchangeably to meet the respective CR benchmark as follows:

- A TSIA2 Essay score may be paired with a TSIA Writing Placement Test (former version) score (340 or higher; TSIA2 Essay Score \geq 4) or ABE Writing Diagnostic score (4 – 6; TSIA2 Essay Score \geq 5) to meet the TSIA Writing benchmark.
- Only a TSIA Essay score of 5 may be paired with a TSIA2 ELAR CRC score to meet the TSIA2 ELAR benchmark.

Eligible students may be administered the appropriate standalone TSIA2 Branching Profile when retesting (Essay Only or ELAR CRC Only).

Effective January 3, 2023, the ELAR branching profiles were amended to route students scoring at ELAR Diagnostic Level (DL) three (3) to the TSIA2 Essay (WritePlacer). Prior to this change, only students scoring at DLs 4-6 received the TSIA2 Essay.

TSIA2 Retest Scenarios: Essay Only

Scenario 1: TSIA2 Scores (All conditions must be met)

- A. Student received a score on TSIA2 ELAR CRC 945 – 990 AND
- B. Student received a score on TSIA2 Essay 1 – 4

SOLUTION: In this scenario, the student has met the ELAR CRC benchmark. The passing ELAR CRC score can be combined with a subsequent score from an Essay Only test administration. **Student is required to retake the TSIA2 Essay ONLY and requires an Essay score of 5 – 8 to meet TSIA2 ELAR benchmark.**

Scenario 2: TSIA2 Scores (All conditions must be met)

- A. Student received a score on TSIA2 ELAR CRC 910 – 944 AND
- B. Student received a *TSIA2 ELAR Diagnostic Level 5 – 6* AND
- C. Student received a score on TSIA2 Essay 1 – 4

SOLUTION: In this scenario, the student did not meet the benchmark on the ELAR CRC of 945 or higher but was successful in meeting the benchmark on the ELAR Diagnostic Test of 5 or 6. **Student may retake TSIA2 Essay ONLY, requires an Essay score of 5 – 8 to meet TSIA2 ELAR benchmark.**

Retest Scenarios: TSIA2 ELAR CRC Only

Scenario 1: TSIA2 Scores (All conditions must be met)

- A. Student received a score on TSIA2 ELAR CRC 910 – 944 AND
- B. Student received a TSIA2 ELAR Diagnostic Level 3 or 4 AND
- C. Student received a score on TSIA2 Essay 5 – 8

SOLUTION: In this scenario, the student did not meet the benchmarks for the TSIA2 ELAR CRC or ELAR Diagnostic tests. However, the student did meet the TSIA2 Essay benchmark. **Student may retake TSIA2 ELAR CRC ONLY, requires a TSIA2 ELAR score of 945 - 990 or Diagnostic Level 5 – 6 to meet TSIA2 ELAR benchmark.**

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Change Log:

- V1.2 (02.25.21)
 - o Removed date header
 - o Revised opening statement language, Retest Scenarios: Essay Only
 - o Revised Scenario 2, TSIA2 ELAR CRC Only
- V1.3 (01.10.23)
 - o Updated Scenario #2 under Retest Scenarios: Essay Only. Effective January 3, 2023, students scoring at ELAR Diagnostic Levels (DL) 3-6 route to the TSIA2 Essay (WritePlacer). Prior to that, a DL of 4-6 was required.
- V1.3 (05.22.23)
 - o Addressed ELAR branching profile change effective January 3, 2023
 - o Added additional clarifying language to scenario solutions
- V1.4 (09.26.23)
 - o Update to ELAR standalone retest guidance
 - o Removed scenarios related to former TSIA test