

# MATH PLACEMENT: (ALEKS PPL Test)

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## TEST INFORMATION

COST & ID:	<b>\$25</b> , beginning February 15, 2019. (includes 1 practice test, 4 official tests, and online study system, for 6 month access)	
LOCATION:	<i>Practice</i> test (attempt 1 only) may be taken online, on your own, at home, but <b>this test does not count, and is not required</b> ; <i>Proctored</i> tests (attempts 2 – 5) are supervised in the Testing Office, and are <b>official</b> . (Check walk-in schedule: can vary by quarter.)	
TIME LIMIT:	Two (2) hours each attempt (practice and official).	
FORMAT:	Computerized, adaptive. Up to 30 questions (may be less) Calculators and scratch paper are provided. You can bring your own calculator if you prefer.	
RETAKES:	You must study with the included ALEKS prep modules before each official retake is allowed. This can be <b>3 – 5 hours</b> each time, depending on the attempt, and cannot be bypassed or waived.	
VALID FOR:	2 years at Seattle Central.	
SCORING:	Immediate, one score of 0 - 100	
PLACEMENTS:	Basic Studies	0 – 7
	Math 081	8 – 13
	Math 087 / 091	14 – 29
	Math 088 / 096	30 – 38
	Math 098	39 – 45
	Math 102, 103, 107, 116, 141, 146	46 – 60
	Math 142	61 – 75
	Math 151	76 – 100

**\*\*\*SEE REVERSE FOR INSTRUCTIONS\*\***

**\*\*\*STEP ONE: SIGN UP FOR ALEKS\*\*\* [Problems? (714) 619-7090 for ALEKS help.]**

- 1) Go to [www.aleks.com](http://www.aleks.com) and click on **Sign Up Now!**
- 2) When asked for the **Course Code**, type in **ALEDD-3CGXM**. (Can be used until 1/17/2021.)
- 3) Confirm your class information (PLACEMENT / OFF-SITE REGISTRATION, ALL TERMS, 2020, Seattle Central College), and click **continue**.
- 4) Select **I have never used ALEKS before** and click **continue**. (**Do NOT select "I have used ALEKS before."**)
- 5) You will then be directed to purchase an **access code** online for **\$20+tax**, using a credit or debit card.
- 6) After making the purchase, fill out the **Student Registration Student Information**. **Be sure that your Student ID number and email are correct (so that your scores will be matched to your records)**.
- 7) Check the box to agree to the ALEKS Use Agreement and click **continue**.
- 8) You will see a confirmation screen that says **Registration Complete**.
- 9) An **email** will be sent you with your ALEKS **username and password**.

**\*\*\*STEP 2: DECIDE:  
DO YOU WANT TO DO A PRACTICE TEST AND STUDY?\*\*\***

**NO: I want to take the test right away, without practice or study.**

Come in to the Testing Office, Room BE 1106 during testing hours.

Walk-in only, no appointments necessary.

Tell the Testing Staff that you want to bypass the practice test.

**YES: I want to take a practice test and use the ALEKS study modules first.**

- 1) Go to [www.aleks.com](http://www.aleks.com) and log in with the username and password emailed to you.
- 2) The first time you log in you will see a short animated introduction to ALEKS.
- 3) You will then be asked a few survey questions about when you last studied math, and what level.
- 4) You will be guided through the ALEKS Tools Tutorial. (This will show you how to answer questions on the test, so do not continue until you are sure you understand this section.)
- 5) **Your practice test will not be unlocked until you have completed the introduction, survey, and tutorial. You will have only one (1) practice test. ALL problems must be answered to get a score.**
- 6) When you have completed the practice test, you will be taken to the study modules to study if you want to, although it is not required. **Study with the program as long as you want, up to 6 months.**

**\*\*\*STEP 3: COME TO THE TESTING OFFICE  
TO TAKE YOUR OFFICIAL TEST\*\*\***

- 1) Come to the Testing Office, Room 1106
- 2) Be sure to bring your **username and password**.
- 3) You will pay an additional **\$5 proctoring fee** (once per account) when you come in to start official, supervised testing. Our Cashier accepts all standard forms of payment.
- 4) You will see your results immediately. You will receive a score even if you run out of time.

**\*\*\*STEP 4: DO YOU WANT TO RETEST?\*\*\***

**NO: I'm happy with my score and don't need to retest.**

You don't need to do anything more. You'll get a copy of your score to use to sign up for your class.

**Yes: I want to try the test again.**

- 1) You will need to spend time studying on your own with the ALEKS program before you can take your next test. The program will generate materials, and will tell you how many hours you need (**usually 3 to 5 hours**) before it will allow another try. **There is no way to bypass studying** with the modules before retesting.
- 2) Come to the Testing Office, room BE 1106, when you have finished studying. Let the Testing Staff know that you are there to retake the test.
- 3) You are allowed up to a total of 5 tests, including your practice test.