

## 2020-2021 South Carolina Alternate Assessment Key Testing Dates

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Activity	Date
<b>SC-Alt Portal Opens</b> The <a href="#">SC-Alt Portal</a> will serve as a public repository of information alternate assessments delivered in South Carolina. The Portal will also allow test coordinators and test administrators to access online assessment systems, including the Test Information Distribution System (TIDE), the Test Delivery System (TDS), and the Centralized Reporting System (CRS). District technology coordinators will have access to all technical manuals and can download necessary applications.	Now available for 2021
<b>TIDE Available for the 2021 Administration</b> The Test Information Distribution Engine, or TIDE, goes live for the 2020 administration. Until October 9, 2019, only the Users, Rosters, and the Shipping Contact Information tasks are available.	Oct 7, 2020
<b>Secure Browser Available for Download</b> The Secure Browser can now be downloaded from the Portal. From the <a href="#">SC-Alt Portal</a> homepage, click on the <i>Secure Browsers</i> link.	Sept 8, 2020
<b>Practice Test Available</b> The practice test for the SC-Alt goes live on the Portal. From the <a href="#">SC-Alt Portal</a> homepage, click on the <i>Practice Test</i> link.	Now available for 2021
<b>District Technology Coordinator Webinar</b> The training webinar for the district technology coordinators will be hosted by SCDE and CAI on October 14, 2020.	Oct 14, 2020
<b>New DTC-Alt Training Registration Window</b> DTCs-Alt will attend a virtual training. Please register for training between these dates.	Nov 2 – Dec 1, 2020
<b>DTC-Alt Virtual Training</b> For the 2021 administration, DTCs-Alt will attend a virtual training.	Dec 9, 2020
<b>Online TA Training Course Available</b> All test administrators, including new test administrators, must complete the Online TA Training Course and quiz before administering the SC-Alt.  To access the online training course, TAs must have a user account in TIDE. Once TAs complete the course and quiz, their TIDE account will be certified, and TAs will be available to administer the SC-Alt.	Jan 6, 2021
<b>TIDE Pre-ID Window</b> DTCs-Alt are required to pre-identify students in TIDE who are eligible to take the SC-Alt during the spring 2021 administration.	Nov 20 – Dec 2, 2020
<b>TIDE Order Window</b> Orders of paper-accommodated testing materials can be placed for students with paper test accommodations in TIDE. At this time, DTCs-Alt may also order paper Test Administration Manuals (TAMs).	Feb 15 – May 7, 2021
<b>SC-Alt Test Administration Window</b> Students may be assessed at any point during the window. All online tests must be administered through the Student Interface via the Secure Browser by May 14, 2021	<b>March 8 – May 14, 2021</b>

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<b>Operational Invalidations Window</b> DTCs-Alt can request an invalidation of assessments due to test security violations, incorrect administration procedures, errors in scoring, and errors in administration procedures during this window.	March 8 – May 14, 2021
<b>Secure Materials Returned to CAI</b> <u>All</u> printed test materials must be returned to this date.	May 20, 2021
<b>Centralized Reporting System (CRS)</b> Preliminary spring 2021 SC-Alt scores will be available in CRS upon submission of a test.	
<b>Paper Score Reports will arrive in District</b> Districts will receive printed family reports on this date.	Aug 9, 2021