

# New ACT Composite Test Code for Summer 2025 Mid-Term Collection

Beginning with the Summer 2025 Mid-Term (MT) 20261 Academic Data Collection, a new ACT Composite Test Code will be available to institutions to support changes being made to testing and results by the ACT organization. Upcoming changes to the ACT will no longer require students to take the science section and will exclude science from the ACT Composite score. The science portion will become optional for online ACT test takers beginning April 2025. Science will become optional for paper and pencil test takers beginning September 2025.

Based on these changes, a new test code for the composite score is needed to differentiate scores with and without the science section for reporting purposes. No change to the science test code or score is required. The ACT organization has indicated that the new composite score is normed the same as the old one so that no concordance is needed. RPA will monitor dynamics around student admission and success to ensure there are no adverse impacts to the ACT changes.

**The ‘A05’ code description will be updated and a new valid value of ‘A33’ will be created as shown below.**

Code	Description
A05	<i>ACT Test Score Composite (English, Math, Reading, Science)</i>
<b>A33</b>	<b><i>ACT Test Score Composite (English, Math, Reading)</i></b>

These changes were approved at the January 15, 2025, Academic Data Governance Committee meeting.

ITS will send out official communication regarding these changes and associated validations closer to the Summer 2025 MT collection. Institutions are also encouraged to sign up for beta testing with ITS prior to the opening of the Summer 2025 MT collection.

Please forward this communication to any personnel on your campus responsible for inputting ACT scores into your campus CRM or Banner, as well as those responsible for any campus reporting on ACT test scores. As always, we appreciate all you do for the Academic Data Collection. Please contact us at [support@usg.edu](mailto:support@usg.edu) if you have any questions.