Common Testing Accommodations

The following is a non-exhaustive list of testing accommodations that are commonly requested and may be available for SOA examinations.

PLEASE NOTE: Requesting an accommodation from the list below does not guarantee you will receive the accommodation. Each request for accommodation is reviewed on an individualized, case-by-case basis. The SOA’s decision whether to grant the accommodation request will be determined based on the information included in the candidate’s Request for Accommodation Form and the supporting documentation submitted with the request.

- Braille version of examination
- Large print version of examination
- Screen-readable HTML test (including, where applicable, use of screen reader software)
- Extended testing time
- Use of computer and printer for written-answer examinations
- Alternate non-Scantron answer sheet
- Marking answer choices in the test book
- Use of a reader
- Use of an amanuensis (scribe)
- Private testing room
- Voice recognition software (e.g., Dragon)
- Use of magnification devices (e.g., magnification reading glasses, handheld video magnifier, closed circuit television (CCTV), Zoom Text)
- Reserved or assigned seating location (e.g., seating near the exam proctor or away from the windows to minimize glare)
- Permission to bring and eat food or beverages (including water)
- Ability to pace (walk around)
• Use of a book stand
• Use of a podium

• Wheelchair accessibility: If a table is requested, specify the height. Please note that SOA examinations are administered in numerous testing locations, including locations outside the United States. Candidates are required to submit a Request for Accommodation Form so that the SOA can ensure appropriate accessibility is provided. No medical documentation is required.

• Permission to bring injectable medication, including injectable insulin: Use of injectable medication is permitted where necessitated by a disability. Candidates are required to submit a Request for Accommodation Form so that a separate testing room or other suitable area may be provided where the candidate can administer the medication in private.

As noted above, the foregoing list is a non-exhaustive list of the accommodations that may be provided.

If you have questions about other accommodations, please contact the SOA at accommodations@soa.org or +1-847-706-3505.