



CREST. Representing the technical information security industry

Special Accommodations

CREST Examination Candidates

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1. Introduction, Scope and Important Information

- 1.1 This Policy applies to Candidates with diagnosed conditions that justify additional time when taking a CREST examination.
- 1.2 Candidates with such a condition must inform CREST of the condition and any specific needs or requests BEFORE booking. This applies to all CREST examinations.
- 1.3 Candidates must be able to supply documentation from a medical practitioner specialising in their particular condition to support their application for additional time.
- 1.4 For candidates with dyslexia, dyspraxia or similar, a copy of an assessment report post 16 years of age, either from a Psychologist specialising in Adult Dyslexia, or a Dyslexia Teacher Assessor with a Practising Certificate to carry out assessments, or a qualified medical practitioner specialising in their particular condition will be required.
- 1.5 For visually impaired candidates, documentation from a qualified ophthalmologist will be required.
- 1.6 A written request must be accompanied by the necessary supporting documentation on official letterhead from their health care provider that explains the nature of the condition and specifies the exact accommodation(s) needed. This documentation must be sent to CREST prior to the exam date and NOT on the day of the exam. Candidates failing to meet this requirement will receive no extra time.
- 1.7 For candidates that fall into the category described at Clause 1.4 CREST recognises the guideline of 25%, as documented by the British Dyslexia Association, as the basis for our allowances for all components of CREST examinations delivered at CREST examination centres. However the focus is on increasing time for reading the examination questions and the written components of the exam rather than the practical components.
<http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/about-dyslexia/parents/access-arrangements-in-assessment-and-examinations.html>
- 1.8 In addition, as far as is reasonably practicable and based on available access to the rigs necessary to undertake the examination, in line with the British Dyslexia Association guidelines special accommodations candidates described at Clause 1.4 will be seated at the furthest point from the door. Additionally, all CREST examination papers are presented using black 12 point Arial or Verdana font on white paper where the examination is presented in hard-copy format. Please note, some examination components are delivered using an entirely electronic method.
- 1.9 For CREST examinations delivered at a Pearson Vue (PV) test centre, separate arrangements for additional time or other accommodations are available. CREST must be notified of a candidate's requirement for such accommodations in accordance with Clauses 1.3 to 1.6 BEFORE the examination is booked as special arrangements cannot be applied retrospectively to examinations already booked with a PV centre. The exams currently delivered at Pearson Vue can be found in Clause 4.
- 1.10 It is strongly recommended that all candidates read the Notes for Candidates applicable to their particular examination and available from the CREST website in plenty of time prior to their exam date.
- 1.11 **NOTE:** Any reference in the following policy to dyslexic candidates includes candidates with other medical conditions that might justify additional time for similar conditions.
- 1.12 Candidates should note that accommodations will vary between conditions and are prescribed in the examination tables at Clauses 2 and 3.

2. CREST Examinations with Written and Practical Content

2.1 CREST full-day examinations with written and practical content are the following Certified level IA examinations:

- Host Intrusion
- Network Intrusion

2.1.1 Extra time will be given to special accommodations candidates sitting the Certified level IA examinations as follows:

Dyslexia, etc:

- (i) Certified IA written component: 2 hours 30 minutes examination time, plus 15 minutes reading time, increased to 2 hours 30 minutes examination time plus 60 minutes reading time;
- (ii) Certified IA practical component: 3 hours 30 minutes examination time, plus 15 minutes reading time, increased to 3 hours 30 minutes examination time, plus 60 minutes reading time.

Visual impairment:

- (iii) Certified IA written component: 2 hours 30 minutes examination time plus 15 minutes reading time increased to 3 hours examination time plus 45 minutes reading time;
- (iv) Certified IA practical component: 3 hours 30 minutes examination time, plus 15 minutes reading time, increased to 4 hours examination time, plus 45 minutes reading time.

	Certified IA	Certified IA Special Accommodations– Dyslexia etc	Certified IA Special Accommodations – Visual Impairment
Arrive	09:00	09:00	09:00
Reading Time Start	09:15	09:15	09:15
Start Written Exam	09:30	10:15	10:00
Finish Written Exam	12:00	12:45	13:00
Lunch	12:00 – 13:15	12:45 – 13:15	13:00 – 13:15
Reading Time Start	13:15	13:15	13:15
Start Practical Exam	13:30	14:15	14:00
Finish Practical Exam	17:00	17:45	18:00

2.1.2 If a special accommodations candidate decides that they have had sufficient reading time, by agreement with the Assessor their practical examination component can be started sooner but the total time available for the practical component will not exceed the total times outlined in Clause 2.1.1.

3. CREST Examinations with Practical Only Content

3.1 CREST full-day examinations with practical only content are:

- (i) CREST Certified Infrastructure Tester (CCT Inf);
- (ii) CREST Certified Web Applications Tester (CCT App);
- (iii) CREST Certified Simulated Attack Specialist (CC SAS)

CCT Inf and CCT App:

3.1.1 Certified Infrastructure and Web Applications level practical components, comprise the scenario component in the morning and the assault course component in the afternoon. Examination timings will be as follows:

Dyslexia, etc.

- (i) Scenario component: 2 hours 30 minutes examination time plus 15 minutes reading time, increased to 2 hours 30 minutes examination time plus 60 minutes reading time;
- (ii) Assault course component: 3 hours 30 minutes examination time plus 15 minutes reading time, increased to 3 hours 30 minutes examination time plus 60 minutes reading time.

Visual impairment

- (iii) Scenario component: 2 hours 30 minutes examination time plus 15 minutes reading time, increased to 3 hours examination time plus 45 minutes reading time;
- (iv) Assault course component: 3 hours 30 minutes examination time plus 15 minutes reading time, increased to 4 hours examination time plus 45 minutes reading time.

	CCT (Inf & App Practical)	CCT (Inf & App Practical) Special Accommodations – Dyslexia, etc	CCT (Inf & App Practical) Special Accommodations – Visual Impairment
Arrive	09:00	09:00	09:00
Reading Time Start	09:15	09:15	09:15
Start Scenario Exam	09:30	10:15	10:00
Finish Scenario Exam	12:00	12:45	13:00
Lunch	12:00 – 13:30	12:45 – 13:30	13:00 – 13:30
Reading Time	13:30	13:30	13:30
Start Assault Course	13:45	14:30	14:15
Finish Assault Course	17:15	18:00	18:15

CC SAS

3.1.2 CC SAS practical component examination timings will be as follows:

Dyslexia etc.

- (i) 3 hours 30 minutes examination time, plus 15 minutes reading time increased to 3 hours 30 minutes examination time, plus 60 minutes reading time.

Visual Impairment

- (ii) 3 hours 30 minutes examination time, plus 15 minutes reading time increased to 4 hours examination time, plus 45 minutes reading time.

	CC SAS (Practical)	CC SAS (Practical) Special Accommodations – Dyslexia etc,	CC SAS (Practical) Special Accommodations – Visual Impairment
Arrive	13:15	13:15	13:15
Reading Time Start	13:30	13:30	13:30
Start Practical Exam	13:45	14:30	14:15
Finish Practical Exam	17:15	18:00	18:15

3.1.3 If a special accommodations candidate decides that they have had sufficient reading time, by agreement with the Assessor their practical examination component can be started sooner but the total time available for the practical component will not exceed the total times outlined in Clauses 3.1.1 and 3.1.2.

CREST half-day examinations with practical only content

3.1.4 CREST half day examinations with a practical-only component are:

- (i) CREST Registered Penetration Tester (CRT)
 (ii) CREST Registered Intrusion Analyst (CRIA)

3.1.5 Extra time will be given to Special Accommodations candidates sitting the CRT and CRIA practical examinations as follows:

Dyslexia, etc

- (i) 2 hours 30 minutes examination time, plus 15 minutes reading time increased to 2 hours 30 minutes examination time plus 60 minutes reading time.

Visual Impairment

- (ii) 2 hours 30 minutes examination time, plus 15 minutes reading time increased to 3 hours examination time, plus 45 minutes reading time.

CRT & CRIA (Practical)		
	Morning Examination	Afternoon Examination
Arrive	09:00	13:30
Reading Time Start	09:15	13:45
Start Examination	09:30	14:00
Finish Exam	12:00	16:30

	CRT & CRIA (Practical) Special Accommodations – Dyslexia etc	CRT & CRIA (Practical) Special Accommodations – Visual Impairment
Arrive	13:30	13:30
Reading Time Start	13:45	13:45
Start Examination	14:45	14:30
Finish Exam	17:15	17:30

3.1.6 If a special accommodations candidate decides that they have had sufficient reading time, by agreement with the Assessor their practical examination component can be started sooner but the total time available for the practical component will not exceed the examination times in Clause 3.1.5.

3.1.7 Please note that CREST half-day examinations will normally only be scheduled in an afternoon slot due to the extended timing constraints. However, CREST reserves the right to adjust the timings to suit the examination schedule. In these circumstances, candidates will be advised in advance wherever possible.

4. CREST Examinations at Pearson Vue Centres

CREST Examinations delivered at Pearson Vue Test Centres are:

- CREST Practitioner Security Analyst (CPSA)
- CREST Registered Security Analyst (Penetration Testing) (CRSA) - practical
- CREST Certified Infrastructure Tester (CCT Inf) – written component
- CREST Certified Web Applications Test (CCT App) – written component
- CREST Certified Simulated Attack Specialist (CCSAS) – written component
- CREST Certified Simulated Attack Manager (CCSAM)
- CREST Practitioner Threat Intelligence Analyst (CPTIA)
- CREST Registered Threat Intelligence Analyst (CRTIA)
- CREST Certified Threat Intelligence Manager (CCTIM)
- CREST Practitioner Intrusion Analyst (CPIA)
- CREST Certified Incident Manager (CC M)

Where appropriate the Notes for Candidates for these examinations contain further information on their format and candidates are advised to consult these.

Amendment List

This document has been amended in the areas described below:

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a. N/A b. Throughout c.	Inclusion of CC SAS, CC SAM & CPSA examinations to clauses	Elaine A Luck	
a. N/A b. 1.4 c.	Inclusion of reference to seating and examination paper style	Elaine A Luck	
a. 3 b. 3.2.3 c.	Arrival time aligned to all exams	Elaine A Luck	
a. N/A b. Throughout c.	Updated to reflect delivery of CPSA, CCT Inf written & CCT App written exams at PV centres.	Elaine A Luck	
a. N/A b. Throughout c.	Adjusted to provide for CC SAS written/practical split and for CC SAM, CC TIM and CC IM delivery at Pearson Vue	Elaine A Luck	
a. b. 2, 4 & 5 c.	Adjusted for introduction of CPIA and update of CRIA to practical only	Elaine A Luck	
a. 3 b. 3.1.2 c. 03.11.2017	Start/finish time adjusted to align with other 3.5hr exams	Elaine A Luck	10.0
a. 5 b. N/A c. 13.02.2018	CR TIA exam added to PV list	Elaine A Luck	11.0
a. 4 b. 4.1.1 c. 16.01.2019	Timings for CCT Inf/App exams updated for new content	Stuart Morgan	12.0
a. 4 b. 4.1.1.1 c. 08.11.2019	Timings for CCT Inf/App adjusted to accommodate new format	Elaine A Luck	13.0
a. 5 b. N/A c. 09.07.2021	CRSA practical at PV added	Elaine A Luck	14.0
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