



**POLICY FOR CANDIDATES REQUIRING
SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CREST
EXAMINATIONS**



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1. Introduction and Important Information

- 1.1 Candidates with a medical condition such as Dyslexia taking the CREST exams must inform CREST of the condition and any specific needs or requests **BEFORE** booking. This applies to all CREST examinations.
- 1.2 Candidates should be able to supply 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.
- 1.3 A written request accompanied by supporting documentation on official letterhead from their health care provider (see 1.2) that explains the nature of the disability 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.
- 1.4 So 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 dyslexic candidates 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 elements are delivered using an entirely electronic method.
- 1.5 For all components of CREST examinations delivered at CREST examination centres, CREST recognises the guideline of 25% as documented by the British Dyslexia Association as the basis for our allowances, however the focus is on increasing time for reading the examination questions and the written elements of the exam rather than the practical components.
<http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/about-dyslexia/parents/access-arrangements-in-assessment-and-examinations.html>
- 1.6 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 1.2 and 1.3 **BEFORE** the examination is booked as special arrangements cannot be applied retrospectively to examinations already booked with a PV centre.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 **NOTE:** Reference throughout the following policy to dyslexic candidates includes candidates with other medical conditions that might justify additional time.



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2. CREST Examinations with written and practical content

2.1 CREST full-day examinations with written and practical content are:

- i) CREST Certified level IA Examinations : Host Intrusion, Network Intrusion, Malware Reverse Engineering
- ii) CREST Simulated Attack Specialist (CC SAS);

2.1.1 Extra time will be given to dyslexic candidates sitting the Certified level IA and CC SAS examinations as follows:

2.1.1.1 Certified IA and CC SAS, written component: 2 hours 30 minutes increased to 3 hours 5 minutes;

2.1.1.2 Certified IA & CC SAS practical component: 3 hours 30 minutes plus 15 minutes reading time increased to 3 hours 30 minutes plus 60 minutes reading time.

2.1.2 CREST Certified Tester & CC SAS examination timings will be as follows:

	Certified IA & CC SAS Candidate	Dyslexic Certified IA & CC SAS Candidate
Arrive	09:00	09:00
Start Written Exam	09:15	09:15
Finish Written Exam	11:45	12:20
Reading Time	13:00	13:15
Start Practical Exam	13:15	14:15
Finish Practical Exam	16:45	17:45

2.1.3 Should dyslexic candidates decide that they have had sufficient reading time, by agreement with the Assessor their practical examination element can be started sooner but the total time available for the practical element will not exceed 3.5 hours.

2.1.4 Dyslexic candidates concerned about the extended examination time on CC SAS exams may be offered the chance to split the exam booking over two consecutive days provided this request is received at the time of booking.

2.2 CREST half-day examinations with written and practical content are:

- i) CREST Register Intrusion Analysis (CRIA) (written and practical content)

2.2.1 Extra time will be given to dyslexic candidates sitting the CRIA examination. CR IA candidates normally have 3 hours 30 minutes to complete the entire examination with the split of time left to their own discretion. Dyslexic candidates' time will be increased to 4 hours 20 minutes to complete the entire examination.



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2.2.2 CREST Registered IA examination timings will be as follows:

CR IA Candidate		
	Morning Examination	Afternoon Examination
Arrive	08:30	13:00
Reading & configuration time	08:45	13:15
Start Examination	09:00	13:30
Finish Exam	12:30	17:00

Dyslexic CR IA Candidate	
Arrive	13:00
Reading & configuration time	13:15
Start Examination	13:30
Finish Exam	17:50

2.2.3 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.

3. CREST Examinations with written only content

3.1 CREST full-day examinations with written only content delivered at CREST Examinations Centres are:

- i) CREST Certified Incident Manager (CC IM)
- ii) CREST Certified Simulated Attack Manager (CC SAM)
- iii) CREST Certified Threat Intelligence Manager (CC TIM)

3.1.1 Extra time will be given to dyslexic candidates sitting the CC IM, CC SAM and CC TIM examinations as follows:

- 3.1.1.1 Morning component: 2 hours 30 minutes increased to 3 hours 10 minutes;
- 3.1.1.2 Afternoon component: 3 hours 30 minutes increased to 4 hours 30 minutes.

3.1.2 CC IM, CC SAM & CC TIM examination timings will be as follows:

	CC IM / CC SAM / CC TIM Candidate	Dyslexic CC IM / CC SAM / CC TIM Candidate
Arrive	09:00	09:00
Start AM Exam	09:15	09:15
Finish AM Exam	11:45	12:25
Start PM Exam	13:00	13:15
Finish PM Exam	16:45	17:45



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3.2 CREST half-day examinations with written only content delivered at CREST Examinations Centres are:

i) CREST Registered Technical Security Architect (CR TSA)

3.2.1 Extra time will be given to dyslexic candidates sitting the CR TSA examination. CR TSA candidates normally have 3 hours 30 minutes to complete the entire examination with the split of time left to their own discretion. Dyslexic candidates' time will be increased to 4 hours 20 minutes to complete the entire examination.

3.2.2 CR TSA examination timings will be as follows:

CR TSA Candidate		
	Morning Examination	Afternoon Examination
Arrive	09:00	13:30
Start Examination	09:30	14:00
Finish Exam	13:00	17:30

Dyslexic CR TSA Candidate	
Arrive	13:30
Start Examination	14:00
Finish Exam	18:20

3.2.3 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 with practical only content

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

i) CREST Certified Tester level Examinations (CCT): Infrastructure, Web Applications,

4.1.1 Extra time will be given to dyslexic candidates sitting the CCT examinations as follows:

4.1.1.1 CCT practical component: 4 hours 30 minutes plus 15 minutes reading time increased to 4 hours 30 minutes plus 60 minutes reading time.

4.1.1.2 CREST Certified Tester practical examination timings will be as follows:



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	CCT (Inf & App Practical) Candidate	Dyslexic CCT (Inf & App Practical) Candidate
Arrive	10:00	10:00
Reading Time	10:15	10:15
Start Practical Exam	10:30	11:15
Finish Practical Exam	15:00	15:45

4.1.2 Should dyslexic candidates decide that they have had sufficient reading time, by agreement with the Assessor their practical examination element can be started sooner but the total time available for the practical element will not exceed 4.5 hours.

4.2 CREST half-day examinations with practical only content are:

i) CREST Registered Tester (CRT)

4.2.1 Extra time will be given to dyslexic candidates sitting the CRT practical examination. CRT candidates normally have 2 hours 30 minutes plus 15 minutes reading time to complete the examination. Dyslexic candidates' will have 2 hours 30 minutes plus 60 minutes reading time to complete the examination.

4.2.2 CREST Registered Tester (CRT) practical examination timings will be as follows:

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

Dyslexic CRT (Practical) Candidate	
Arrive	13:30
Reading Time	13:45
Start Examination	14:45
Finish Exam	17:15

4.1.3 Should dyslexic candidates decide that they have had sufficient reading time, by agreement with the Assessor their practical examination element can be started sooner but the total time available for the practical element will not exceed 2.5 hours.



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5. Amendment List

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a. 3.2.3 b. c. 3	Arrival time aligned to all exams	
a. Throughout b. c. N/A	Updated to reflect delivery of CPSA, CCT Inf written & CCT App written exams at PV centres.	
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