

PACT Assessment Guidelines (Option 2)

Option 2 is for external applicants that can show evidence of **ONE** of the following:

- Graduation from an ABTC recognised course
- Already on the ABTC ATI register
- Already on the ABTC CAB register

If you meet this criteria, the first step to your application is to complete [this form](#).

Once your qualifications and accreditations have been checked and you have met the criteria, you can then book and pay for your theory and practical assessments - <https://www.pact-dogs.com/membership>

Theory assessment

The PACT theory assessment is administered online via software called TestInvite. You will receive an invitation via email to commence the assessment shortly before the time and date booked through the office. Please watch our accompanying video before reading this document - https://youtu.be/J8ED2Evc_nI

System Requirements

- A laptop or a desktop PC (plug it in so you don't run out of battery!)
- A good and reliable internet connection
- Chrome/Firefox/Opera browsers (Internet Explorer is not supported by the testing platform)
- A functioning webcam (so that we can monitor you and ensure test conditions are met)

Please note that due to the requirements (screen locking and screen recording), the test cannot be taken using a tablet or mobile phone.

If you are using a Mac

You will need to use Chrome and enable screen sharing by opening System Preferences > Security & Privacy and checking the box next to Google Chrome in the Screen Recording Tab.

Help! Will it work?

You can test whether you can access the software using this link -

<https://www.testinvite.com/assessment/task/PUmupgcSE4i0vdDDyCJa/room/>

Topics covered

Only topics that have been covered in the PACT CTIC course and that are relevant to the ABTC ATI standard will be included in the test. This includes:

Learning theory: Stimulus ABC/Contingency/Classical Conditioning/Operant Conditioning/Positive reinforcement /Negative reinforcement/Positive punishment/Negative punishment/Primary and secondary reinforcers/Jackpot reward/Schedules of reinforcement/Chaining and back-chaining/Extinction/Training fallouts/Premack's theory of reinforcement/Motivation/Deprivation level/Satiation/Factors that affect learning/Aversive training/consequences of using aversive methods

Dog Law and Animal Welfare: Identification requirements/Dangerous dogs (Under Section 9 Animal Welfare Act 2006)/Law on e/shock collars/Canine needs Canine Husbandry: Vaccinations/Parasites/Large/deep chested dogs risk/Type of feeder, e.g. carnivore?/Poor diet, signs of/First aid basics

Body language: All aspects of reading face/features/body (linked to emotional states)/Signs of discomfort, anxiety and stress/dogs and owners/Signs of escalating aggression/Ladder of aggression/Canine communication

Other: Risk assessments/Equipment/Managing stress/high arousal (dog/person)/General questions about running classes/Positive and negative verbal and non-verbal feedback from clients/Canine predatory sequence/Canine pheromones/Dealing with clients/people/ Health and safety

How long is the theory assessment?

You are allowed a total of 90 minutes and you may submit your test whenever you are ready – there is no need to wait for time to elapse. However, you are welcome to use the total time available. Please note that you will need to remain seated at your screen for the duration of the test (See online moderation and test conditions below).

Therefore you might want to do the following to prepare:

- Make sure you visit the toilet before you sit down to undertake the test.
- Remain hydrated, but be aware that we do not permit toilet breaks.
- Ensure you are sitting comfortably throughout.
- Ensure that you will not be disturbed by pets/partners/family members (any interruption by the aforementioned will void the test).

What is the pass mark?

The pass mark for the theory assessment is 80%.

How is the test structured?

- The theory assessment consists of 50 multiple choice questions.
- You will have access to all questions throughout (as opposed to individually timed questions) and you will be able to navigate back and forth between questions.

What happens if you fail the assessment?

- Students are allowed to retake. A fee for resitting the test will be incurred. Retests are individually rearranged via the PACT office.

Test demos and practice assessments

A Testinvite standard demo for multiple choice questions can be requested within the software (not via the PACT office). The questions are not PACT-related but will give you a feel for the test procedure.

You can watch our revision prep recorded webinar here which outlines some of the questions you may be asked (please note that as of January 2022, free text answers are no longer included in the assessment, it is multiple choice ONLY) –

<https://youtu.be/8SXINXm8Bs0>

The important stuff about exam conditions . . .

Regarding the sharing of test questions among students:

Please note that although the test topics remain the same, different equally weighted questions are drawn from our question bank for every test date. Questions and answers are also shuffled for different tests. Therefore, two students from the same group taking the test on different days will be sitting different tests - but the tests will be equally weighted in terms of difficulty level and marks.

Online moderation and test conditions

The assessment moderation and test conditions include:

- Session screen recording
- Full screen lock
- Test log and analytics report
- Screen copy function disabled

Session screen recording

When starting the test, you will be asked to agree to both screen capturing (recording) and webcam monitoring. The entire test session will be recorded and monitored. This means:

- You will need to remain seated, in front of your screen and in full view of your webcam at all times.
- You will need to ensure you are not disturbed by anything or anyone for the entire test duration.
- Breaks are not usually allowed during the test.
- You may have a blank piece of paper and pen to make notes but please show this at the beginning of the test so that we can see there are no revision notes written down before the assessment begins.
- Tests will be monitored for movements outside the webcam area (see below).

The following will invalidate the test:

- Leaving the room or not remaining seated at any point throughout the test.

- Getting up and leaving the webcam view area.
- Being seen using a phone or looking at notes or published material (please switch our mobile off and/or leave it in another room)
- Any behaviour the assessor(s) deem suspicious.

If you have any concerns about the above, please contact the office to discuss your requirements and we will endeavor to adjust the test conditions where appropriate or necessary.

Full screen lock

Following on from agreeing to screen recording, you will be asked to switch to and agree to full screen mode. This means your screen will be 'locked' into full mode for the duration of the test. This is to prevent looking up information on your laptop/desktop during the test. A specified number of violations will be allowed during the test, in case you escape full screen mode by accident. If this happens, you will be given a specified number of seconds to get back to full screen mode. If you do not return to full screen mode within the specified time, the test will stop and be invalidated. If the specified amount of violations, i.e. escape full screen mode, is exceeded, the test will automatically stop and be invalidated.

Screen copy function disabled

- Text copy and screen print functions are disabled during tests.

What happens if cheating is suspected or there is evidence of cheating?

Should an incidence of cheating be suspected, a student's test, i.e. test log, analytics, and screen recording, will be reviewed by 3 assessors, and a decision on the best course of action will be decided by all three. Depending on the assessors' investigation and the evidence, a student may either:

- Be required to undertake a shorter online oral recorded test assessment via Zoom with two assessors.
- Be prohibited from proceeding further with PACT assessment and prevented from pursuing PACT membership on a permanent basis. No refunds will be given for any part of the course, or assessment.

PACT takes cheating very seriously and anyone found doing so will be dealt with accordingly.

What happens if technical issues occur and/or your internet connection is lost during the test?

- The test will automatically stop and you will be locked out.
- If this happens, please email the office immediately at office@pact-dogs.com and the test will be reset. You may not be able to carry on with the test immediately and the remainder of the test will be rescheduled.
- If a test needs to be reset, the questions you have already answered will be marked and will be counted. However, because you will have had access to all the questions, a different set of questions will need to be issued for the remainder of the test. For example, if a student had 25 questions remaining, the test will be reset to 25 different questions to those in their original test.

And finally . . .

- Please don't overthink what you'll be asked during the theory assessment.
- Nothing is designed to be a trick or to slip you up, we just need you to demonstrate how fantastically knowledgeable you are!
- Best of luck from all of the PACT community!

Practical assessment

The PACT practical assessment is a chance to show your skills by sending us videos of you teaching and coaching clients in a 1:1 & group setting (please contact us if you wish only to apply for 1:1). [ATI performance criteria](#)

Once you have booked your practical assessment, you will be sent a link to a private GDrive folder so that you can upload your videos for us to watch. The following will be accepted as evidence of your practical skills:

- Filming of a 'real life' 1:1 & group session (3 dogs & 3 handlers)
- Filming a set up scenario for your assessment. Must not include members from your household or your own dog(s).

These two videos should include you coaching clients through at least 1 x exercise. You, the handler and the dog should be visible, please map out your filming area. *Aim for around 10 minutes of footage per video with a maximum of 15 minutes for each one. Along with the recordings please upload a risk assessment.

Please also include at least one of the below (a mix is welcome). *Total of 10 minutes.

- Tutorial videos that you send to clients
- Presentations or staff training
- Videos from social media (Facebook/TikTok/YouTube links)
- You training your own dogs

*If they are longer, don't worry, we'll simply watch a section for your assessment.



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