



ONLINE TESTING QUICK FACTS

Schedule

Online testing may be scheduled any time between 7am and 6pm on October 30 or 31, 2023. Please see your DECA Advisor for day and timing of your test. Students writing the SAME cluster exam must write in the SAME time period.

Marketing Cluster

AAM, ASM, BSM, FMS, MCS, RMS, SEM, BTDM, MTDM, STDM, IMCE, IMCS, IMCP, PSE

Business Management Administration

BLTDM, HRM

Finance Cluster

ACT, BFS, FTDM, FCE

Financial Literacy exam

PFL

Hospitality & Tourism Cluster

HLM, RFSM, HTDM, TTDM, HTPS

Business Administration Core

PBM, PEN, PFN, PHT, PMK

Entrepreneurship Exam

ENT, ETDM

Key Features

- Question order is randomized per participant
- Participants can navigate questions from previous to next to review answers
- Participants are notified of any missed questions
- Results are immediately submitted to Ontario DECA upon submission

Regulations

- Testing must be conducted in a school computer lab (i.e. not individually at home or on mobile devices off school premises)
- At least one teacher supervisor must be present while students conduct the test
- Participants have 70 minutes to complete the 100 question test
- Testing must be completed within the time blocks communicated by cluster. Should a test extend beyond that time frame (i.e. participant starts the test at 5:30 pm but is not complete by 6pm, submissions will be accepted within the remaining testing time; even if the exam is not completed).
- Students must confirm submission of the test before being allowed to leave the testing lab.
- As has been the case with previous Regional testing, breaks during the tests are not allowed. Students are encouraged to use the facilities before or after the test.
- Make up tests will not be considered unless there is an unforeseeable, school-wide issue. In this event, please contact Olga immediately at olga@deca.ca or at 416 363-3322.

THE BENEFITS OF ONLINE TESTING

1. Greater Efficiency

Online testing has eliminated the time needed to print, organize, and distribute tests to students at each of the 6 regional competitions. Let's see how these systems compare:

Task	Approximated Time [hours]	
	Paper-Based Testing	Online Testing
Printing of Tests	2	0
Set Up of Testing Rooms	1	0.5
Execution of Tests	1.5	1.5
Tear Down of Testing Rooms	1	0
Tabulation of Results	1.5	0
Total Time Required per Regional	7	2
Time Saved per Regional	5	
Total Time Saved by Online Testing	25	

2. Cleaner Results

Going hand-in-hand with efficiency, results are calculated instantly reducing the margin of error by participants. The online testing system not only eliminates pencil errors, but also notifies you if you've missed any questions before you submit. Common mishaps that can now be avoided include: multiple answers per question, misread eraser marks, missed questions, and incorrectly filled student IDs.

Please note: results are submitted to Ontario DECA immediately upon submission and are not distributed until all Regionals are complete.

3. Tighter Controls for Cheating

By having all students in all regions in the same cluster writing their tests at the same time, there is little to no time to share information about specific test questions and answers. In addition, in contrast to the paper-based system, test questions are randomized per participant. This means that no two students writing at the same time will have the same order of questions which makes glancing at the monitor next to you less tempting.

4. Higher Progression

Ontario DECA has been growing strong for over 35 years and has always looked for the best technology to support that growth. Online testing has allowed DECA to progress to a higher level of technological integration that reflects the increasing demand and dependency on technology of our participants and the facets of business promoted.

5. Greener Operations

The need for the greening of business has never been more prevalent. Online testing supports the greening of Ontario DECA by reducing the amount of paper needed to operate the regional events. With 24 tested categories at almost 15 pages per test and about 9 000 participants total that's 105 500 sheets of paper saved!