Test Waiver FAQ

What documentation will I need to provide to prove I qualify for a waiver?

You will need to upload your transcript for your school where you earned your bachelor's or master's degree from a U.S. college or university in Business, Economics, or a STEM field with a GPA of 3.4 or greater. We will review this document to confirm your major and your GPA.

You will need to upload your transcript for your school where you earned your PhD in a STEM field or a doctoral level medical degree, as listed below, are not required to submit standardized test scores: MD, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, DDS or DMD, DVM, or PharmD.

Does the GPA requirement include rounding?

You cannot round your GPA. If you have a 3.39, you do not qualify for the test score waiver. You must have a 3.40 or above.

If I have transfer credit, is the GPA requirement applied to my cumulative undergraduate GPA or my GPA where I earned my bachelor's degree excluding any transfer credit?

The cumulative GPA as shown on your transcript for your bachelors degree will be the GPA we use. If more than one GPA is shown, we will use the GPA that includes your transfer credit and would represent the GPA for all of your undergraduate work.

If I have a STEM degree from an overseas institution (a non-US college), do I qualify for this waiver?

Given the waiver requirements, you do not qualify for the test waiver.

Can I get a waiver if I did not earn my bachelor's degree in one of the designated fields but I earned a master degree in one of the designated fields?

Yes, a masters degree would qualify if done in one of the designated fields. Applicants must review the Finding Your STEM major worksheet to confirm that their masters degree qualifies.

What should I discuss in my quantitative readiness essay?

Your essay regarding your quantitative readiness should document your academic and/or work experience that would support your quantitative abilities and readiness for our program. This can be in bullet point or essay format.

If I submit the application and it is determined I do not qualify for a waiver, can I take the test after that?

If you submitted your application without a test score and it is determined that you do not meet the criteria for a test score waiver, you will be notified via email that you need to submit test scores. You will then have two weeks from the notification email or until two weeks after the application deadline, whichever is later, to submit scores.

If I have the requisite degree and GPA, is it recommended that I still submit a test score?

Submitting test scores may enhance your application. If you earned your degree several years ago and have since been working in a non-quantitative field, your quantitative skills may be less strong and showing us your skills though a test score may provide helpful information.

What majors qualify for this waiver?

Please refer to the list of majors in the Finding Your STEM major worksheet.

Please note, if your degree isn't listed in the worksheet, you may apply for a test waiver exception and your degree will be reviewed for quantitative rigor.