

There is no software to be running on your testing computers. All tests are delivered through the Microsoft Internet Explorer web browser.

Minimum hardware and software requirements include:

- Processor: IBM-compatible Pentium, 300MHz or faster and 128MB RAM Operating System:
  - Windows 98/NT/XP/2000
- Hard Drive: Minimum 500MB available space
- **Video: A minimum of 256 colors with video display set to 1024 x 768 resolution.**
- Monitor: 15-inch color (minimum).
- Pointing Device: Microsoft mouse or equivalent.
- Internet Access: Direct non-cached connection to the Internet via dedicated ISDN, DSL, T1 or cable connection. Please notify us if your network makes use of any Internet acceleration/caching software or hardware.
- Installed applications: Internet Explorer 6.0 (all the current Microsoft security patches applied)
- Firewall: ports 80 and 443 need to be open
- Any scheduled or system/network resident software or hardware that has the capability to interrupt, intercept or otherwise interfere with test delivery must be disabled during test sessions. This includes but is not limited to the following:
  - Software that has the capability to produce alerts such as contact managers, calendars, email, etc.
  - Screen and device capture utilities.
  - Pop-Up Blocker.
  - Anti-virus Software.
  - Windows Updater

**NOTE:** To avoid interruption during a Test Session, it is important that all test computer settings for the "Windows" updater are set for manual updates. You can do this by going to the "Control Panel" on the test computer and clicking "Automatic Updates" on the menu. Select the option that is labeled "Turn off Automatic Updates". Once this is done, it will be necessary for you to establish a regular schedule for manually downloading and installing Windows updates.