



Announcing changes to API exam times

Effective with the October 2017 exam window, the total time allotted for candidates to complete an exam will be reduced.

API has recently completed an evaluation of seat times. In analyzing the details of tests taken previously, it has become clear that the overwhelming number of test takers complete their exams in less time than what is given. When computerized test times were initially considered, extra time was built in for the tutorial, and end of test survey, which the majority of candidates have not been utilizing to its entirety.

API has therefore decided to officially shorten the length of the exams and is completely confident that candidate performance will not be hindered in any way. The total seat time, which includes all breaks, has been condensed by removing small increments of time in each section to ensure that the total time devoted to the actual exam is sufficient. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

	Tutorial	Section 1	Break	Section 2	Actual Exam Time	Total Seat Time (exam + breaks + tutorial)
510, 570, 653 (Original ⇒ New Reduced Time)	30 min	3 hours	1 hour	4 hours	7.5 hours	8.5 hours
	⇒ 15 min	⇒ 2 hours, 45 min	⇒ 45 min	⇒ 3 hours, 45 min	⇒ 6.5 hours	⇒ 7.5 hours
TES, SI, 936, 580, 571, 577 (Original ⇒ New Reduced Time)	30 min	4 hours	N/A	N/A	4 hours	4.5 hours
	⇒ 15 min	⇒ 3 hours, 15 min			⇒ 3 hours, 15 min	⇒ 3.5 hours