

Taking the Initial Placement Assessment:

The Initial Placement Assessment is designed to determine what a student knows and what a student needs to work on. At the end of the ALEKS PPL Assessment, a student will have a much better sense of his/her strengths and weaknesses in math. Students then have a chance to brush

Can I practice using the ALEKS input tools before I begin the Placement Assessment?

ALEKS will begin with a brief tutorial to make sure you are comfortable with the math palette tools before your Placement Assessment begins. The tutorial shows you how to enter different types of answers, how to use the ALEKS calculator, and how to graph. If you aren't sure how to input an answer, or need help while you are taking the ALEKS Placement Assessment, select the Help button below the answer pallet tools. Going to the tutorial during your Placement Assessment will NOT impact your Placement Assessment results.

What resources can be used? May I use a calculator?

You may only use a pen or pencil, paper, and the resources provided within ALEKS. ALEKS provides a calculator when needed. If the program does not allow the use of an on-screen calculator, then a calculator may NOT be used on that question.

You should not receive assistance from another person, websites, textbooks, or any other resource not provided by ALEKS.

There is no benefit to cheating on the Initial Placement Assessment as the results of the Initial Assessment only affect the Prep and Learning you will have access to, not your actual placement. To change your placement, you must take a Proctored Assessment after reviewing in the Learning Modules.

Can I review a question after I've answered it?

Because ALEKS is adaptive, once you submit an answer, you cannot change it. Be sure to carefully check your answer before submitting your response.

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It is likely that you will be asked questions on material you have not yet learned. On such questions it is appropriate to answer, I don't know. On any question that you have familiarity with, however, it is important to do your best. I don't know is interpreted by ALEKS to mean that you do not know how to solve the topic, and this will be reflected in the Placement Assessment results. There is no penalty for incorrectly answering a question on the Placement Assessment, it only helps ALEKS understand what you do and do not know.

Are Placement Assessments timed?

Yes, you have 3 hours to complete a Placement Assessment once it has begun.

What happens if I do not complete the Initial Placement Assessment in the allotted time?

You will have to restart the Placement Assessment if you do not complete it in the allotted time